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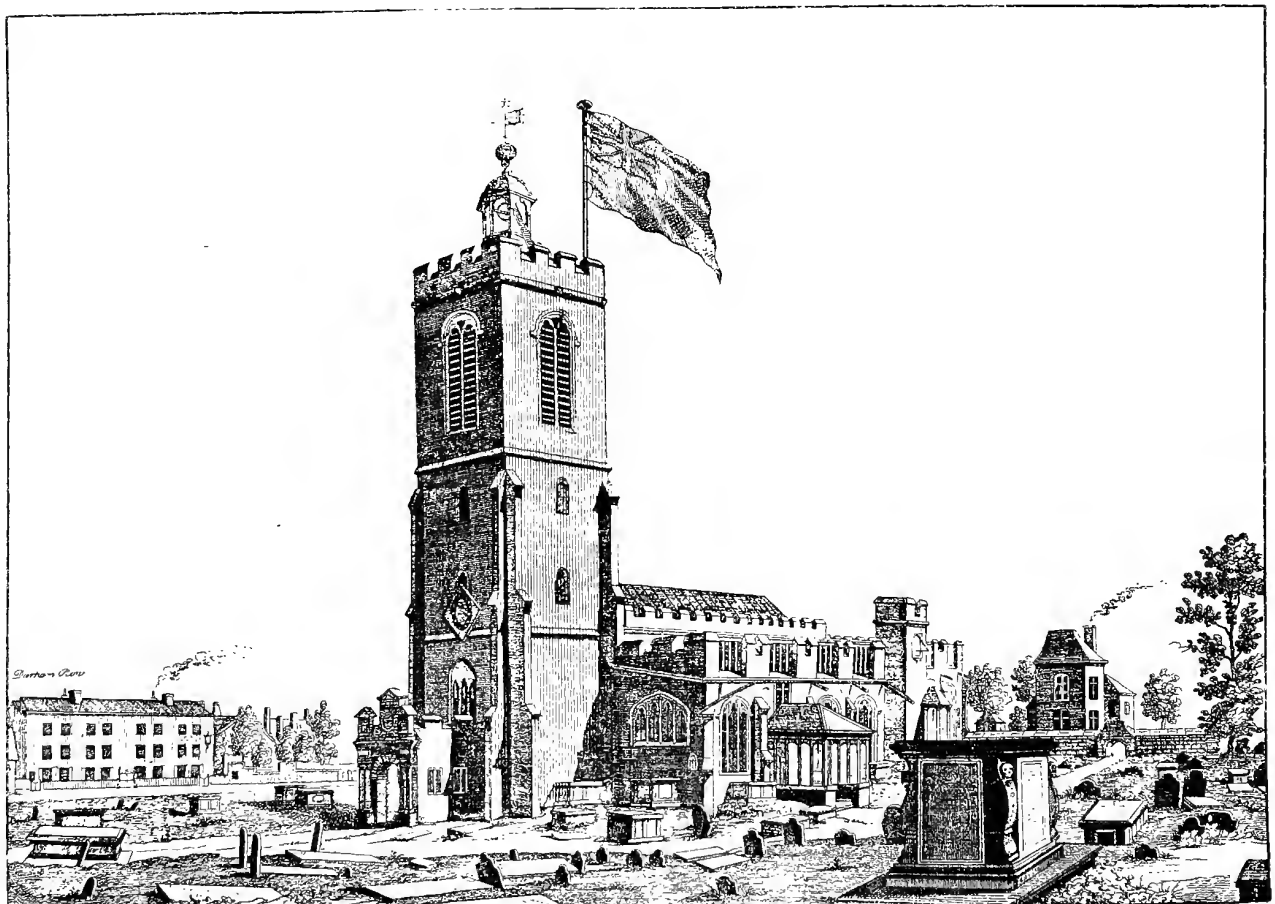

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PREFACE.

THIS book appeals to the indulgence of its readers as the fruit only of the leisure hours in two busy lives. In it the text has been printed as far as possible in every way to represent the MS. The notes have been drawn for the most part from easily accessible sources. The chief MS. authorities are the Parish Registers, which date from 1579, and are perfect, and the Manor Court Rolls, at the Manor Office, 28, Austin Friars, which date only from 1654, but are fully calendared and indexed. More attention has been paid in them to little known people than to those who are comparatively well known, and where a reference could be given to such a work as the 'Dictionary of National Biography,' the editors have been content with giving only a very slight biographical sketch besides the reference.

They have many pleasing debts of gratitude, not to discharge, but, at least, to record here: notably to F. W. Maddocks, Esq., for his gift of an original copy of Gascoyne's Map, from which the reproduction has been made; to J. Challenor Smith, Esq., and W. Hellyar, Esq., for much assistance in research; to the Rev. G. Hennessy for very valuable assistance in the list of incumbents; and to many others who, in one way or another, have contributed to the notes.

Last, but not least, to all the subscribers, without whose support the book could not have seen the light.

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ADDENDA.

P. 25.—Add note on Nicholas Simonson, that he was a timber merchant, much in the employ of the E.I.C.—E.I.C. Court Minutes, 1599-1603, ed. Stevens.

P. 31.—Add that Thomas Best lived in Whitehorse Street, that his wife, Mary, was buried July 17, 1624, and he August 23, 1639.

P. 46.—For Robert Goldinge and Lewes Tight, see E.I.C. Court Minutes (Stevens).

P. 47.—David English in 1590 was licentiat of Holy Trinity, Minories, and two years later curate of St. Anne's, Blackfriars. He exchanged with Dr. Gouldman for the cure of Patchinge.—Newcourt, Addenda, Information from the Bishop's Register, communicated by the Rev. G. Hennessy.

P. 47.—John Hayward, ? of Pembroke College, Cambridge, M.A. 1584.

P. 61.—Note on Gilbert Dethicke. Noble's statement that he died in 1639 is incorrect, for he was buried November 9, 1649, and so the difficulty vanishes. —Stepney Registers.

P. 62.—Nicholas Veere, yeoman, of Stepney His daughter married Thomas Peirce, by licence from the Bishop dated December 12, 1625.

P. 252.—Add that John Chedworth was Bishop of Lincoln (1452).

CORRIGENDA.

P. viii, 3 lines from bottom, *for* 'sold' *read* 'alienated.' The manor was not sold to the Colebrooke family, but passed to them by a family arrangement.

P. ix, line 4, *for* 860 *read* 1360.

P. xviii, line 5, *for* 1611, *read* 1711.

P. 31, 8 lines from bottom, *for* 1853 *read* 1583.

P. 93, note on William Cock. The date of death is wrong, for he signs the book in 1632 (p. 137).

INTRODUCTION TO THE MEMORIALS OF STEPNEY PARISH.

§ 1. *Early History of the Parish.*

For the first beginning of Stepney history we have to go back to the other side of the Norman Conquest and to the time of the Saxons. The name appears in many older and longer forms, of which, probably, Stebonheath is the most common; this gives a wrong idea as to the origin of the name, for it is connected, not with the word 'heath,' but with the old word 'hythe' (meaning a small port or harbour), which we find also in the names Rotherhithe and Lambeth, etc. The meaning of the first part of the word can hardly be stated with any certainty.

While the name thus carries back the history of Stepney to Saxon times, traditions come in and confirm this testimony, though in themselves the traditions are somewhat hazy.

We are told that there was an old Saxon church dedicated originally to All Saints, that it was rebuilt by St. Dunstan at the end of the tenth century, and that, in gratitude for this action, when St. Dunstan was canonized, the church was put under his special patronage. Space will not allow us here to analyze this tradition; the evidence for it is small, though it is not in itself improbable. Dunstan was Bishop of London for a short time, and was probably, therefore, Lord of the Manor of Stepney, and quite possibly lived in the parish.

At any rate, when we reach Norman times we are on surer ground. Doomsday Book gives us the distinct information that at the end of the eleventh century the manor belonged to the Bishops of London; up to the beginning of the fifteenth century a succession of bishops lived in the manor-house, and one at least of these—Bishop Eustace—in 1228, was a benefactor to the church.

At about the same date we get the earliest mention of a Rector of Stepney, viz., William, who quarrelled in 1233 with the convent of the Holy Trinity at Aldgate about the tithes of a mill.

Up to the end of the thirteenth century, information about Stepney is very scanty, but from 1300 the history may be said fairly to begin.

The name Stepney then comprised one large parish, as yet entirely undivided, stretching from the City to the river Lea, and from the river Thames to Hackney. This was the ecclesiastical district, and, as far as land tenure went, the state of things was mainly the same, as the great Manor of Stepney, held by the bishop, included the greater part of that area, though there were also several smaller manors owned at the time of the Doomsday Survey by the bishop or the king, which, however, later came into other hands.

The first definite mention of the church, bearing date 1302, calls it by the name of St. Dunstan; but perhaps other earlier documents may be forthcoming some day to support the contention that its original dedication was to All Saints.

It was an age of church extension. In the west of the parish, the White Chapel of St. Mary Matfellon was already lightening the burden of the mother church, and in 1311 the chapel of Stratford Bow was built close to the Bow Bridge, on a piece of the highroad, for the benefit of the easternmost parishioners of Stepney. A still greater change followed in 1338, when the Whitechapel district was cut off from Stepney—the first of a long series of subdivisions—and St. Mary's

Chapel became the Parish Church of Whitechapel under a rector appointed by the Rector of Stepney.

The mother parish was being served by two clergy, (1) the rector or parson, appointed by the bishop; (2) the vicar—a deputy whom the rector appointed; and from this time forward we have a full list of the beneficed clergy in Stepney. The two offices of rector and vicar were united in 1710, and since then there have been no more Vicars of Stepney. This full list is printed below.

Stepney at this time was essentially rustic. The bishop had a large area of wooded ground which he had tried to convert into a game preserve in 1292; but though he had gained the king's leave, the Mayoralty Court of London opposed the scheme and put an end to it. Deprived thus of their sport, the bishops amused themselves with tournaments, which were often held near the bishop's palace between the years 1305 and 1331.

The life of the village was as a whole uneventful enough, but from time to time the proximity of Stepney to London brought it face to face with the more stirring events of the time. Such an event, for example, was the rebellion of Wat Tyler in 1381, the scene of which was largely laid in Stepney Parish, at Mile End.

The rectory was valued in 1372 at 60 marks, and the vicarage at 12 marks—considerable sums in those days—and evidently the church was well supported and kept up, as it possessed in 1308 a cope of silk and gold worth £3, which the Mayor and Aldermen of London considered a fitting present for them to send as their gift to a bishop at his consecration. These few extracts must suffice to give just a glimpse into the state of the parish in the fourteenth century.

After the death of Bishop Braybrooke in 1404, the bishops seem to have deserted Stepney, but it continued to be a favourite country residence, especially for London merchants,

and an increasing number of good houses began to rise in the midst of the woods and fields ; growth and progress were slow, as the great wars of this century drained the energy and resources of the nation. Still, Stepney had been lucky in being away from the greater part of the struggles, and, as a result of this immunity, new churches replaced the old buildings at Stepney and Bow. This rebuilding was part of a regular movement which passed over this district about the middle of the fifteenth century, and has left us a number of churches of the same date and style ; but at Stepney several features of the older church were retained, notably the sedilia and the old font, though the latter has now almost entirely disappeared. Several of the rectors and vicars of this time were distinguished men, and two of them, Bishop Lumley and Dr. Burton, were sent to represent England at the Council of Basle in 1433.

When Henry VII. came to power, a new era began for England, in which Stepney, too, had its share.

Two great movements now began which profoundly influenced Stepney—namely, the religious reforms and the development of the navy. Stepney was all through in the van of the Reformation. Bishop Fox, whom Henry VII. confirmed in the vicarage in face of considerable opposition, was one of the chief patrons of the New Learning ; while Dean Colet, the son of Sir Henry Colet, of The Great Place (opposite the west end of the church), and himself for a short time vicar, was the great leader of the same movement on which the subsequent Reformation was built up. Other lesser lights were also active in the same cause. Rector Layton was busy slandering, coercing and suppressing the monasteries, while his vicar, Dr. Heynes, was away in France, charged with a mission to confer with Melanchthon, the German Reformer, and, if possible, bring him to England. Heynes' successor, William Jerome, paid the penalty of being in advance of his times in his religious views, and was burnt at Smithfield in 1540 ; while four years

later the parish was put into the hands of two of the much-abused monks, who had earned this reward by being compliant with Henry and his rapacious Commissioners. Even under Queen Mary, while heretics were being burnt publicly at Bow, John Thomas (see p. 5), ejected from Prittlewell, found a home here, and Queen Mary's nominee to the rectory did not survive as rector long when Elizabeth came to the throne. Another strange actor on the scene was Edward Underhill, gentleman, of Limehouse, known as 'The Hot Gospeller.' always ready to put anyone right as to his religious beliefs and practices, and very busy on the side of the extreme Reformers. By 1579, when the minutes open, Puritanism—using the word in its Elizabethan sense—was firmly established in Stepney, though there still lay before it a gradual development into the more distinct Puritanism of the Commonwealth.

Simultaneously, the development of naval enterprise was revolutionizing the parish. The growth of shipbuilding in the Thames began with the reign of Henry VII., and mainly at three centres, Ratcliffe, Blackwall, and Deptford; it was here that the royal navy began to become England's great power, and though the honour of the earlier English private ventures and explorations belongs to Bristol, London was not far behind in point of time, and soon began to attract to itself the chief men of enterprise from other parts of England. The foundation of the Trinity House by Sir Thomas Spert, in Henry's reign, and of the Company of Merchant Adventurers by Sebastian Cabot in 1552, the three voyages of Frobisher, equipped by the Muscovy Company, 1576-80, and the incorporation of the East India Company, mark different stages in this mighty development. The direct consequence of it was a parallel development in the parish of Stepney. Surely and steadily the line of houses and shipyards began to creep eastward along the banks of the Thames, and to absorb into itself the little blocks of buildings that had before been isolated, first at Ratcliffe, then at Limehouse, and finally at Blackwall. The

main body of this book—the vestry minutes and the notes appended to them—brings out so clearly this fact, that it is not necessary to do more here than merely chronicle it. Away from the riverside the growth of the parish was still quite slow and gradual, and nothing shows so clearly as the valuations authorized by the vestry from time to time where the chief wealth and population of the parish lay. The chief men of the riverside hamlets were nearly all connected with ships; but in Mile End and Bethnal Green they were independent gentlemen, or men of mark who had a country house on Mile End Green (the modern Stepney Green), or elsewhere. Of this latter class, only one or two appear in the vestry minutes and receive any notice in this book, as the larger number of them, naturally, did not concern themselves with parochial affairs, and even Lord Morley, whose name does appear upon the lists of the vestry, does not seem to have taken any active part in its proceedings.

While the parish was thus growing and becoming divided into these two sections, a change took place in the manor. In 1551 Bishop Ridley, on the day of his enthronement (April 12), resigned the manor into the hands of King Edward VI., and the connexion of the Bishops of London with the manors of Stepney and Hackney, which had lasted at least 500 years, came abruptly to an end. Three years before, Bishop Bonner, the deposed bishop whom Ridley superseded, had granted to Sir Ralph Warren a ninety-nine years' lease of a messuage and chapel, evidently the house and chapel at Bethnal Green known by the name of Bishop Bonner's Hall or Bishopshall, which was probably the old manor-house inhabited by the bishops in past days. This old house only disappeared in 1844, to make way for Victoria Park. The manor was almost at once granted to Sir Thomas Wentworth, in whose family it remained under very varying fortunes till 1720, when it was sold to John Wicker. Wicker's son sold it again in 1754 to the Colebrooke family, the present lords of the manor.

In 1547 we get another return of the condition of the parish, in which the rectory is valued at £50, and the vicarage at £33 6s. 8d., equal in our money to £500 and £335 respectively; the number of communicants is returned at 860—a large proportion of the then population, which speaks well for the efficiency of the clergy of that day. At the same time interest was stirring in education, and the Free School at Ratcliffe, founded by Nicholas Gibson, who died in 1540, was beginning to bear fruit.

Such is a brief outline of the history of the parish up to the year 1580, gathered from scattered notices and many sources; from this point forward we have the vestry minutes as a text on which to base the continuation of this outline; but first a word must be said about the constitution and work of the vestry.

[*Authorities: Lysons' 'Environs of London;' Strype's edition of Stow's 'Survey of London;' Newcourt's 'Repertorium;' Maitland's 'History of London;' Riley's 'Memorials of the City of London;' MSS. in the possession of the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, calendared by the Hist. MSS. Commission, Report IX., First Appendix; State Papers, Domestic Series and Colonial Series; 'Hakluyt's Voyages;' etc., etc.*]

§ 2. *The Constitution and Work of the Vestry.*

In the earlier days of which we have minutes, the vestry of Stepney Parish was a General Vestry—that is to say, all the chief men of the parish were summoned to the meeting to transact the parochial business. The first few entries in the minute-book are probably copies of the older documents; mention is made of the subscription of the names of the parishioners who were present (*e.g.* pp. 3, 5), but no such subscription seems to have taken place at any rate in this book; it seems likely, therefore, that these first two or three are not the original entries, but a transcript with the signatures left out. However, from p. 6 onward the subscription of names regularly occurs. When the business was not interesting,

only one or two men signed, but when anything decisive was done, there were probably more present, and certainly more signed the book (see for example p. 12).

In 1589 the parish grew dissatisfied with the General Vestry; it was too large and cumbrous, and consequently inefficient, and it was therefore resolved to have a Select Vestry instead, consisting of thirty-two members, eight from each of the four hamlets—Ratcliffe, Limehouse, Poplar, and Mile End with Bethnal Green.

These vestrymen were apparently elected for five years. In 1594 another election took place, and in 1598-9 the main body of the parishioners again took up the question of the vestry, and, to amend the disorders, elected ten members from each hamlet to form the new Select Vestry; this body they constituted by an order largely signed by the chief men of the parish, and the order was finally confirmed by the Bishop of London's commissary, as the law required (see pp. 30-35).

This arrangement lasted till about 1645 when the vestry began to be sadly disorganized; no auditors or sidesmen were then elected, and such meetings as were held were meetings of miscellaneous people, not of duly elected vestrymen. After 1648 the meeting gave up even calling itself a vestry. But early in 165⅘ a general meeting of the parishioners was held to reform these abuses, and once more a Select Vestry was constituted. This constitution was never confirmed, and was, therefore, called in question at The Restoration; so the Bishop of London, on petition, appointed a new Select Vestry of forty-four persons, with power to fill up vacancies in their number, and this body from that time carried on the business of the parish (1662).

To return to the state of affairs at the first Select Vestry, 1589; churchwardens were already existing, one representing each of the four hamlets, and at first this was enough; but as the parish grew it was found advisable to increase the number either by appointing a deputy to serve conjointly, or by sub-

dividing the hamlets. As a rule, each churchwarden held office for two years, but in some cases he provided a substitute for the whole or part of his term.

Auditors, too, had already been appointed by resolutions passed in 1583 and 1584. The first list given here (of 1586) shows four names for each hamlet, but the number fell later to three, and, finally, two. In the middle of the seventeenth century, in the general decay of the vestry, auditors disappeared till they were restored in 1663, after the general reorganization above mentioned.

A similar fate befell the office of sidesman, which does not appear before 1590.

The original number of the hamlets of the parish was four, but it gradually increased. A movement which began in the appointment of a second churchwarden in Ratcliffe in 1641 (p. 171) ended in the establishment of a separate hamlet of Shadwell, which continued under the name of Lower Wapping, when Shadwell was taken out of it to be an independent parish in 1669. Similarly Spitalfields obtained an independent churchwarden in 1662, and Mile End New Town in 1691; and the parish till 1729 included eight hamlets, though the list of vestrymen was not increased beyond the number of forty-four, as appointed by the bishop's instrument of 1662. Thenceforward one hamlet after another was separated (see p. xviii.), till at present only three remain in the parish, viz., Ratcliffe and the two Mile End hamlets, and after 1735 increase was gradually made in the number of vestrymen representing the hamlets that remained.

The usual day of meeting in the earlier years of which we have record was Sunday. Of the first twenty-two meetings recorded between 1579 and 1594 only four were held on a week-day; then for a few years a change was made, and Thursday was the most usual day, and twice (1602 and 1603) the vestry met on Ascension Day. When the Canons of 1603 came into force, they affected the vestry (amongst other ways)

by fixing the date of its election-meeting to some day in Easter-week (see No. xc.), and this custom was kept up apparently, more or less, even under the Commonwealth. As regards frequency of meeting there was no constant rule. In many years only the Easter meeting is recorded; in a few, none at all; while, on the other hand, minutes are given of eight meetings in the plague-year of 1625, and of twelve meetings in 1679. In 1619 an attempt was made to establish a monthly meeting (p. 85), after evening prayer, on the first Sunday of every month; but, though ordered and decreed, it never seems to have come to much.

The business done was, as the minutes show, most miscellaneous; the vestry was *the* form of local government, and united the functions of many modern bodies. It had two means of raising money—(1) for ordinary emergencies by the annual pew-rents or 'puage'; (2) on special occasions either by demanding additional pew-rents, or by levying a 'landscot,' or rate levied upon land (see, *e.g.*, p. 136).

Its home was either the vestry of the church or else the vestry house or church house—a quite distinct building from the vestry of the church; this was situate in the churchyard (one such still exists at Hackney), and served as offices for the vestry as well as providing a home for curates, officers, and often some necessitous old women besides. The vicar or, on great occasions, the rector presided, and in their absence the curate, lecturer, or one of the chief of the parishioners. The proceedings, as a rule, seem to have been conducted with great decorum—at any rate, compared with the standard of many modern vestries. Was the actual business worse done then than by all the modern paraphernalia of these days?

§ 3. *History of the Parish*, 1580-1745.

We now take up again the thread of our story, and continue the outline of parochial history. Besides the steady growth of the parish—of which the vestry minutes give constant

evidence—the two chief things of interest in Stepney in the early part of the seventeenth century were (1) the development of the navy and shipping companies, and (2) the growth of Puritanism.

With regard to the former, we have already seen the earlier stages of this development (p. vii.). At the end of Elizabeth's reign the outburst of patriotism evoked by the dread and actual coming of the Armada gave it a still further impetus; and, while the trained bands and archers were practising on Mile End Green, the shipwrights were busy on the river building ships for the parishioners of Stepney to man and sail all over the world in search of trade and in defence of English interests. Such men as Sir Humphrey Gilbert, Wm. Borough (p. 6), and Sir H. Palmer (p. 22), were attracted to the parish as the centre of naval enterprise, and were among the earliest of a long list of Stepney naval heroes whose names often recur in the vestry minutes. Similarly in shipbuilding William Burrell (p. 25) was the precursor of the great Pett family of shipbuilders, and these and their followers and clientèle form another large element in the parish vestry.

Among the shipping companies the East India Company held the first position. From the first year of its incorporation its progress was unbroken, and its maritime service was not only the training ground of many of our best sailors, but it laid the foundation of the Empire of India; and, when its history comes to be written, the names of many Stepney people—Thomas Best (died 1639) (p. 31), John Davies (p. 60), Christopher Browne (p. 141), and others—will be far better known than they are at present.

Turning now to (2) the growth of Puritanism, we see how the early promise given by Vicar Jerome (p. vi.) and Edward Underhill (p. vii.) did not fall to the ground. The first sign of it in the minutes is given in the establishment of the afternoon lecture, and the election of so stout a convert to the Puritan cause as Stephen Gosson (p. 9) to be the lecturer.

Was it the same tendency again, or was it Gosson's preaching that made the vestry sell the organ, which, barely sixty years before, the parish and the bounty of John Forster had provided? Vicar Thomas (p. 5) had in Anderson (p. 15) a successor of a kindred spirit; but the authorities were beginning to find the extreme party of Puritan dissenters as great a nuisance as the recusant Romanists, and repressive measures, such as the injunction concerning preachers (p. 20), had to be adopted equally against them.

It would be interesting to know whether it was theological differences that caused the split between Vicar David English (p. 47) and the vestry. The cause of it is still obscure, and we only know that it called for the rector's interference, and that two men, Henry Marrot and Walter Portriff, were 'charged to conspire the stoninge to death of one Englishe, their Curate;' naturally he was glad to retire elsewhere. But the troubles were not yet over; after comparative peace under Gouldman and Douglas, the storm broke out again when Stamp (p. 175) became vicar. Puritanism was now full-grown, and aimed at nothing less than the destruction of the Church in England, and the abolition of Episcopacy and the Prayer-book. Stamp and his curate Edgeworthe vainly endeavoured to weather this storm. Stamp was imprisoned, and finally fled abroad, and the unenviable task of calming the disturbed atmosphere devolved upon Dr. Hoyle (p. 181). He was a diligent and able preacher, and was brought over by the Parliament from Dublin to Oxford as 'a noted Puritan,' and so would be thought acceptable at Stepney; but he was not advanced enough for his congregation or for the two lecturers, Greenhill and Burroughes, who 'never took notice of Dr. Josh. Hoyle.' So little did the former notice him that, in 1644, while still lecturer in the parish church, he joined the Independents, and was himself probably instrumental in starting the sect in Stepney. This action was so favourably regarded by the authorities that he was appointed vicar to succeed Hoyle; and his Independent congregation were pro-

bably in possession of the parish church till the Restoration came, when the Church and Prayer-book were restored, and Greenhill and his congregation driven out to seek a new home. They found one, for a man of the ability and sincere piety of Greenhill was able to hold a congregation together in spite of all that Acts of Parliament could do to prevent him, and after some unsettled years they found a final resting-place in the old Stepney Meeting-house (built 1674), where, under Matthew Mead, Greenhill's successor, and a long line of distinguished pastors, the congregation continued to flourish until the new meeting-house was built in 1863.[1] Greenhill's successor in the vicarage (Emmanuel Utye) was a Churchman of the old type, and thenceforward comparative peace reigned in ecclesiastical affairs.

A few words must be said on the history of the church, churchyard, etc.

The vestry minutes give constant evidence of work of one kind or another going on there: either more accommodation is needed or 'the ruins of the church are great,' and repairs on a large scale must be undertaken. But one reason why the subject was so constantly before the vestry was that work, though decided on, was often not done till the order had been repeated again and again; *e.g.*, the gallery ordered in 1580 is only part begun in 1601. Mention in 1619 and 1621 (pp. 86 and 96) of 'the partition of the Chancell' seems to show that the rood-screen was not yet wholly gone, and from a minute on the former page, as to the erection of gates, one might perhaps argue that the disastrous custom of shutting up the church from Sunday to Sunday had not yet come in. As regards the furniture of the church, the bells were constantly in trouble, the organ was ejected in 1585 (p. 12), and no successor took its place till 1678 and 1679, when, under encouragement from the bishop, subscriptions were collected, and a new organ bought from the celebrated builder, Renatus

[1] See a very interesting account of the early years in Mr. A. T. Jones's 'Notes on the Early Days of Stepney Meeting,' printed by T. Wilson Booth, 43, White Horse Lane, E. 1887.

Harris. In 1622 a new pulpit was erected—probably of the 'three-decker' type—and forty years later the church was further beautified by the setting up of the king's arms, Creed, Lord's Prayer, and Ten Commandments, 'after a handsome and beautiful maner.' It was probably needed, as the inventory of church property given in 1659 shows how bare and desolate all must have been. Subsequently (in 1678) 'the beautifieing and furnishing of our Church after ye manner of ye Church of All Hallows, Barkin,' was recommended to the vestry—this probably implied a liberal use of whitewash.

The fire caused an influx of people to the church; so great, that widow Adams could not cope with them, and a number of prudent sober men had to be appointed 'to keep the pewes.' At the same time we learn that the men and women were still accustomed to sit on opposite sides of the church, according to the old custom. The need of more accommodation was not merely temporary, for in 1684 it was necessary to build yet a new gallery, so that there were at least five—two on each side, and one at the west end.

The churchyard grew by degrees. The great outbreaks of plague in 1625 and 1665 each necessitated additions to the existing accommodation; the former, though less severe, has left much more mark on the vestry minutes, perhaps because, in the latter case, a burial-ground was enclosed on Bethnal Green Common, north of Dog Row, which relieved the strain upon the churchyard, so that the new ground was not needed till 1678. Another evidence of the severity of the earlier outbreak is given in the licence granted by the bishop on January 24, 162$\frac{5}{6}$, at the request of the vicar, to empower Robinson, the parish clerk, to bury parishioners, and to church their wives (using the Prayer-book forms), because there was more than the curate could possibly do single-handed. Of the later visitation a great deal has been written by Defoe and others, much of it more graphic than true; but the sober evidence of the registers shows the great extent of the mortality.

The church-house, to which allusion has already been made

(p. xi.), was rebuilt in 1619 (p. 85), and again in 1655 and 1656, and this last change was made an opportunity for getting rid of those who lodged in the upper storey; but yet once again, in 1684, a new restoration was needed. It is doubtful whether this latter was ever accomplished, for in 1696 the old church-house was pulled down, and the parish leased the old parsonage to take its place (see the frontispiece). They sublet the greater part of it to the curate (1706), and seem to have gone on leasing it after the arrangement came into force (p. xviii.) by which it was assigned as the house of the 'portionist' of Spitalfields, and in fact up to 1737. Meanwhile they must have built a new vestry-house, and, after the portionist arrangement ceased, the rectory was no longer needed, so it was pulled down under a faculty from the bishop, dated June 28, 1763.

The last subject to be noticed is the subdivision of the parish. In 1650 a committee sat to inquire into the state of ecclesiastical benefices, and it was proposed to divide the parish into four; this was never done, but two chapels were built to relieve the parish church: (1) that at Poplar, which was already begun when the subdivision was proposed, was completed in 1654, by the gifts of the East India Company, Gilbert Dethick (p. 61), Maurice Thomson (p. 189), and others; (2) that at Shadwell was erected by Thomas Neale two years later. Attempts were at once made to separate both districts, but they were opposed, and for the time prevented; eventually in 1669 the parish of St. Paul's, Shadwell, was cut out of Stepney, and the chapel became the church of the new parish. In 1673 Poplar made another attempt at independence, which was equally unsuccessful.

At the beginning of the eighteenth century more changes came. In the first place, Brasenose College, Oxford, bought the advowson of both rectory and vicarage, and when Rector White died the benefices were united (1710), and John Wright, the then vicar, became sole rector. After his death in 1718, two co-rectors were appointed, and continued for some time

side by side under the titles of 'the portionist of Ratcliffe' and 'the portionist of Spitalfields.' The same year that saw this arrangement confirmed by Act of Parliament (1710) saw also an Act passed for building fifty new churches in the suburbs of London. On October 9, 1611, the vestry recommended to the Commissioners the separation of five new parishes, and their suggestion was mainly carried out. St. Anne's, Limehouse, was built 1712-1724, the church consecrated, and the parish cut off in 1730. Christ Church, Spitalfields, was built 1723-1729, and then consecrated and made the church of a new parish. St. George's was built 1715-1729, and then consecrated and made the church of a new parish, consisting of the old hamlet of Wapping, in Stepney parish. Poplar, in spite of its previous efforts, and though recommended by the vestry as having 'a very good Chappel y^t may make a convenient Parish Church,' was not separated, and remained a hamlet of Stepney till 1820. But on the other hand Bow, without the vestry's recommendation, at last, after a very rebellious career, gained its full independence in 1730: it had been practically autonomous since 1497 (see note on p. 1). Finally, in 1740, the hamlet of Bethnal Green was made a separate parish, and the Act of Parliament provided also for the erecting of a parish church. It also brought to an end the dual control of the rectory of Stepney, as the 'portionist of Ratcliffe' was made first rector of St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, and the other 'portionist' became the sole rector of Stepney.

Here the sketch of Stepney history ceases, for by this time the parish has become a very different thing to what it was, and its history has become much narrower and of less wide interest.

[*Authorities: Strype's 'Stow;' Maitland's 'History of London;' Lysons 'Environs;' Middlesex County Record Society's publications; Jones's 'Notes on the Early Days of Stepney Meeting;' Vicar-general's Book, Bishop's Registry; Stepney Vestry Minutes; etc., etc.*]

STEPNEY AL^{S} STEBUNHUTH.

The vith daie of march Anno 1579 Annoq$_{\text{ꝫ}}$ regni dñe nr̃e Elizabethe Regine &c xxij^{o}

At a vesterie being holden the daie and yeare aboue written whearein assembled the most of the parrishoners, there was shewed before them a booke made by the Churchwardens, whearein was expressed the pewes in the whole Church : And the same distinguished in everie Ile, by the nombers placed against every of them. Also there was noted against everie pewe the price that was thought reasonable it shoulde yeeld by the yeare, as in the same booke, before written doth appeare, The wch rates by this vestrie is allowed and confirmed to be imploied to the use of the parrish Church.

The order before speciefied was read at a vesterie the xth daie of Aprill 1580, and by the same allowed and confirmed

The xth of Aprill 1580

At a vesterie holden as before, uppon request made by diuers of the parrishoners of Stratford Bowe[1] for the relief of Thomas Parris[2] late there minister, wch now is fallen blinde, being also aged and poore, It is agreed, that from hence

[1] The Chapel at Stratford Bowe was built under the licence of the Bishop of London in 1311 as a chapel of ease to Stepney, but at the end of the 15th century an attempt was made to sever the connexion with the Mother Church : the Stepney authorities resisted the attempt, and an appeal was made to the Bishop, who in 1497 decided that the parishioners of Stratford Bow were to remain parishioners of Stepney and pay an annual contribution of 24*s*. The Church was finally made parochial in 1730.—See Lysons' Environs of London ; Newcourt Repert., s.v.

[2] A Thomas Parris was appointed by the Bishop of London to the Rectory of Chipping Ongar October 19, 1557, and his successor there was appointed in 1570 : it seems likely that this is the same man, and that he came from Chipping Ongar to Stratford Bow.—Newcourt Repert., s.v. Chipping Ongar.

forwardes for the space of 3 yeares, (if the saide Parris doe so long lyve) there shalbe geuen and paide, unto the saide Parris, by the Churchwarden of this pish for the time being at eᵛy half yeares ende, the some of o — xˢ/ And the first paiment to begin at Mighelmas next

The copie of a ťre written by th'inhabitants of Stratford Bow for the beneuolenᶜᵉ aboue menc̄oned

Maie it please yoʳ woʳ, to grannt unto us th'inhabitants of Stratford Bowe, the xxiiijˢ we paie unto you by composicion, towardes the relief and keepeing of one Thomas Parris minister, dureing the naturall lief of the saide Thomas Parris, who now being blinde and no longeʳ hable to serve oʳ Chappell, is like to perrish in his olde age, yf by charitable means he be not releeved, And because this oʳ request maie appeare to come of a good minde, we the inhabitantes of Stratford Bowe haue hereunto set oʳ handes the xᵗʰ daie of Aprill 1580 And in the xxijᵗʰ yeare of the raigne of oʳ soᵛaigne Lady Elizabeth the Queenes Maᵗᵢᵉ that now is

Wᴬᴹ GOWGE	CHRISTOPHER EGLESFELDE
Wᴹ THOROWGOOD	WILLIAM WHITE
ROBERT LAMBART	NICHOLAS GOWGE
ROGEᴿ ATHAY	THOMAS FREMAN
THOMAS SCORIEᴿ	HENRY BATTY

The xᵗʰ daie July 1580

Mᵈ it is agreed by the consentes of the pishoners assembled in this vesterie the day and yeare aboue written that a gallery shalbe made one the south side of the midle Ile in the Church and also to bring forth the belferey thwart the Church vnto (*a blank*) and further it is concluded, and appointed that theis foure substanciall pishoners, (namelie,) Mʳ Marche Mʳ Pickering; Mʳ Bradley[1] and Richard Estwoode,[2] shall ioine

[1] Henry Bradley, a 'Ballaster' of Poplar.—Stepney Registers.
[2] Richard Eastwoode married Frances Webster April 8, 1588, and was buried June 25, 1591.—Stepney Registers.

wth the Churchwardens for the letting and setting of the saide building, (nowe to be made) to a sufficient and habell workman, and to compounde for a reasonabell some of mony (not exceeding the some of xxxv^{li}, at the most, for all carpenters worke whereof x^{li} to be paide at thensealeing of the writtings concerning the saide worke, other x^{li} at the finishing of his carpenters worke, and residue of mony at thre monethes ende after, or foure monethes at the furthiest, if he can forbeare it so long; And so to proceade in other workes appertaning unto the saide building; wth th'advise of the abovenamed pishoners, whereunto we haue hereunder subscribed o^{r} names And ratified the same wth a gennerall consent

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Whereas by reason of many houses lately builded in the parrish of Stebbunhuth, The Church theare hath not bin sufficient to receave and place all the inhabitanntes of the same pish wheareby the Churchwardens and assistanntes of the saide pish hath caused a large gallery and a returne to be builded in the saide Church, wch is furnished wth formes and seates, decent for such as shalbee theire appointed, wch saide Gallery, and other needfull repacons, hath will cost the some of threescore poundes, wch cannot be repayed wth out chargeing of the whole pishoners in the saide pish And Therefore at a vestery holden the xijth day of March wheare in the most pt of the Auncient inhabitanntes assembled It was theare agreed, as by there handes hereunder written doth appeare, that eũy parson that is placed or shortly shalbe placed in any pewe wthin the Church or newe gallery shall nowe at Ester or wthin one moneth next ensuing the same, pay unto the Churchwarden of that hamlet whearein he or she shall dwell, according to theyre seuerall collection, one whole yeares rent of theyre pewes freely, as they of olde tyme or before the late taxacon or newe rating of pewes vsually did pay Quarterly for theare saide pewes, and pay theire quarterly duties at o^{r} Lady day, and eũy quarter followeing

Also they have appointed and named certaine Auncient psons in eũy hamlet, to be assistannt to the Churchwardens as well for the collection of the saide paym^t of one whole yeares rent for the pewes, as also for theyre quarteredg mony and arrerages due by diũs psons for the same And that the saide wardens and assistanntes, shalby all gentle and quiet meanes perswade eũy pson w^th^in theyre collection, quietly to pay all and eũy such theyre duties accordingly, And that all and eũy such pson as shall refuse any the saide somes or duties, they shall collect theyre names in wrighting and the somes so by them detayned & present the same before the parrishoners at the next vestery where order shalbee taken to force eũy such stubborne & unwilling pson to pay the saide duties by order of lawe

Also in the saide vestery they have set downe by consent and agreement, that eũy Churchwarden shall set downe in writing the names of eũy pson wch lack pewes w^th^in theyre seuerall collections or that requier to be there placed, to thende that good advise may be taken for the placeing of all such as be most auncient and willing to pay theire duties for the same

And it is further accorded and concluded by comon consent, that the Churchwardens, and assistanntes shall as well remoue certayne psons placed in the saide Church, and to set others in the saide pewes, and also to place and set such persons in the pewes in the newe gallery, and to rate eũy pewe according to theire discrecion, trusting that eũy pson w^th^in the saide parrish wilbe confirmabell and agreabell to the same, And upon good cause to be shewed by any pson theare, he shall have remeady

Trynytie Sunday being the accompt day, and the xxj^th^ of May 1581

At a vesterie holden the day and yeare aboue written; Theare was in question a certaine duety usually paide, by the

commvnicant parrishoners, At the feast of Ester, comonly called by the name of paschall mony, wch is a penny of eũy communicant allowed toward the charge of breade and wine, over and besides theyre offering mony due unto the vicar, And hath bin leauied by him the space of five and twenty yeares, grñnted by the consent of the parrishoners in a vestery at that tyme holden, for the some of fourty shillinges yearely at the feast of Ester to bee paide, It is nowe thought a thing so profitable and beneficiall, through the nomber of parrishoners, hearein assembled; That although the saide prishoners, might haue, and enioy, much more proffit and rent, for the same; then at any tyme before hath byn paide and annsweared, or is offered by M^{r} vicar, yet the good meaneing of the parrishoners towardes M^{r} vicar is that because he hath had the collecting thereof And therewthall tendering his anncient yeares, and longe continewannce therein. Are contented, that he and his assignes, shall haue, and holde the same paschall mony belonging, to all Esters, dureing his naturall lief. painge yearely for the same, wthin one moneth after the feast of Ester, vnto the Churchwardens of the saide parrish for the tyme being the some of fower poundes of good and lawfull mony of England, The first yearely rent to begin wthin one moneth after Ester next wch shalbee in the yeare of o^{r} Lord god 1582/ In witnes wheareof we the parrishoners hereunde^{r} named have ratifyed this order wth o^{r} common consentes, and subscribed o^{r} names the day and yeare first aboue written

ꝑ me Joh^{em} Thomas[1]
Vicarium de Stebenheth

[1] John Thomas had been appointed vicar of Prittlewell in Essex in 1539, but in 1554 he was turned out, probably as being a friend of the Reformation: he was almost at once appointed to Stepney (May 9, 1555,) by the executors of Sir Richard Cromwell, but there seems to have been something irregular in the appointment, as he was again presented to the living by Queen Elizabeth in 1577. In the meanwhile he was restored to his old living of Prittlewell, and held it till 1569, when he resigned (Newcourt wrongly enters him as dead). He seems latterly to have had a curate to help him, for on December 18, 1576, there is an entry in the Registers of the death of 'Richd. Theola, mynister and curat of Stepney.' He died early in 1586.—Newcourt Repert.

xxjth of May 1581

It is acorded at this accompt day that Wm Pratt shall haue for the making and writing of the Churche accompts passed in this pareash the some of xvj^{s} viij^{d}

W. Borowgh[1]	H. Bradley
Thomas Pykeryng	Willm Carter
John Burrell[2]	Hugh Richardson

At a vestre the 2th of Septemb' 1582. Sondaye

Wheras a chyld was left in the Church porch on Sonday the 26th of August last wth a not left wretten in the breast of it, that it was a Christian sole named Jane . . .
wee call her Jane

It is agreed that for the same child ther shalbe a nurse providid (for as small a charg as maybe) and the mony for it

[1] William Borough, one of a famous family of Elizabethan navigators, hailing from Northam, Devon. At first his voyages were private ventures for the purposes of trade, but later in life he entered Her Majesty's service. He made careful hydrographical investigations, especially in the North Sea and the Baltic, and on his return published some most important charts; at the same time he was busy with scientific inquiry, and published 'A Discourse of the Variation of the Compass,' and other works. He was living in Limehouse in 1579, signs the minutes 1581-85, was one of the auditors for Limehouse 1589-91, and a vestryman 1594. Meanwhile he served the Queen as 'Controller of Her Navy at Sea,' 1583; as second in command to Drake in the expedition to Cadiz, 1587. The following year he fought against the Armada, in command of the Bonavoglia, and in 1589 we find him busy at Chatham despatching Frobisher's ships to sea, and 'getting a good wife' in the person of Lady Wentworth, widow of the second lord, the last governor of Calais and lord of the manor of Stepney: she was probably living in the Manor House on the north side of the churchyard, and they were married in the church on September 9. After 1594 he seems to have retired even from parish business, and in 1599 he died at the age of 63. See Nat. Dict. Biog.; Stepney Registers.

[2] John Burrell of Ratcliffe, mariner and shipbuilder, was twice Master of the Trinity House. The Spaniards offered him 6,000 crowns a year for 7 years if he would act as their spy and send information as to English movements: he refused, and the refusal caused him much misfortune in Spain. On his return he reported this to the Government, and expressed his willingness to obtain information for Government about Spanish movements (1598). Later he or a namesake furnished ships for the East India Co. (1615-19). He was twice married: first to Mary Ryddam, widow, February 25, 1582-83—she was buried June 23, 1586; and on March 20 of the same year following he married Barbara Bennett, widow, who was buried October 16, 1595. For his son see p. 25.—State Papers, Domestic, 1598; Colonial, 1615-19. Visitation of London, 1633-35, Harl. Soc., p. 125; Chester's Marriage Licenses; Stepney Registers.

as also for necessary clothes shalbe disbursed by the Church warden who shall kepe accompt of the same charge

W. Borowgh
Affabell Partrydge
Thomas Pikeryng

Sunday the Second of June 1583

At the receaueing of the last accompt the day and yeare aboue written: It was agreed in the Church howse by the assentes of the parrishoners there pñte That the Church wardens for the tyme being shall at all tymes heareafter before thengrossing of theyre accompt requier & appoint twoo or three inhabitanntes in eũy of theyre seuerall hamlettes, such as haue byn Churchwardens or borne the offyce of Constable, to Audit, heare examyne & ꝑuse eũy of theyre seuerall accomptes And thereof to allowe and determyne as shalbe convenient and seame good to theyre discreacõns. And of theyre proceadinges therein to certify the ꝑishoners at the delyuery of the same accompt

It is further agreed the same day, that the Churchwardens contynueing after thaccompt delyuered, shall vewe & se all such ornamentes apꝑtaining to the Church, remaineing in the charge and Custody of the churchwardens goeing out, and the same to set downe and receaue by inventory that the increase and decrease thereof may the better appeare

The 24 day of the monthe of Jvne an° dñi 1583

at assemble in the vestery by a suffecente nombar of the anchente inabytants thear// yt was then & thear agreyed & concluded that (*a blank*) proffett of rattelyffe, cobbelar, shall have and be the offecar of the paryshe called the sexton of the churche/ in man̄ as ffolloweth that is to say he shall serve the offes vnd^r rycharde ancell nowe sexton dewreng the naterall lyffe of the said ancell/ & shall have for his said serves dewreng the said terme for his wage the some of xx^s anell of

the said ancell, & all the ordenary proffette belongen to the sexton shall remane to the said ancell dewreng his lyffe, & aft the deathe of the said ancell, that then the said offes shall remane holly to the said ꝑffett wthall the wage & other proffete therevnto benongen,,, & also the said ꝑffett shall have the maken of all the graves & shall have the ꝑffett for the same in wytenes herof thes ꝑsons hervndr hathe sette thear hands the day & yeare affor wryton

AFFABELL PARTRYDGE
ROBARTE GARTON hir Magests servande
THOMAS GARDYNER
EDWARD ELIOT
HENRY BRADLEY
RYC ESTWOOD churche warden
THOMAS HARDYNG
Wm ANDROO Churchwardiē
EDWARD ROBENSON Churchewarden
Mr Wm STUBES[1]
THOMAS PIKERYNG
JOHN BURELL
THOMAS WESTE
ꝑ me Wm WALCHE
Wm CHERCHEMAN

At a vestrye holden the fyrste of Decemb' anº 1583 of the awnchente Inhabytanntes of this ꝑishe yt was ther agreed by ther hole consents that John ffundall alias Lawncelott showld supplye the place of Wyllm Churcheman churchewarden and yt ys ffarther agreed that John Gonnys of Blackewall shalbe the deputye of the said John ffundall churchewarden tyll easter come twelfemonethe

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Allso yt ys agreed at the same vestrye the same Daye that the churchewardens shall wthall spede possyble take upon them to Compounde as well & resonabely as they can for the Erectynge of a Clocke upon the toppe of the steple and this shalbe ther warrannte and dyschardge for the same

HENRYE FFREMAN
THOMAS PYKERYNG
H. BRADLEY
EDWARD ELIOT
THOMAS HARDYNG

[1] William Stubbes is mentioned as living 'by the Sugar house in Ratcliff.'—Burial register, April 25, 1584.

The xxviijth of June 1584

At the receaueing of the last accompt: It was agreed in the Church howse by the Substannciall pishoners there p̃nte That the Churchwardens now being and that hereafter shalbee: Shall yerely the Sunday before Assencion day cause warning to be geven vnto the parrishoners, for a vestery to be houlden on the saide Assencion day, to elect, nomynate and appoinct twoo or so many suffycient psons in every hamlet, as by the same parrishoners in the same vestery shalbe thought meete. To awdite examyne & peruse the churchwardens acccompt for the tyme being, before the same be engrossed: Or for want of a suffycient assembly on thassenc̃on day, Then the vestery to be houlden to the vse aforesaide on the Sunday next followeing, And after the same accompt is by the saide Awditers examyned & pused: Then the same accompt to bee delyuered fayre engrossed before the parrishoners on Trinyty Sunday next ensuing the same Assencion day

It was further agreed the same day & tyme, That on Katheryne Stevenson widowe, now dwelling in a roome made oute of the Church howse, shall pay yerely for her rent vnto the Churchwardens for the tyme being iii^{s} iiij^{d} quarterly after the rate. And the rest of the Tennauntes of the same rentes to pay such rent as heretofore hath byn paide for the same, Except widow Selby, whose rent is remytted by reason of a t̃re written by the right ho: th'ould lo: Wentworth vnto the parrishoners on her behalf vppon certayne causes therein menc̃oned

The xxviij daye of ffebr 1584

In Stepney Church

At a vestrye holden the day and yeare above said by the Cheef of this parishe, Mr Stephen Gosson[1] p^{r}cher, being

Stephen Gosson, poet, actor, dramatist, satirist, and preacher, b. 1555 in Kent. Scholar

talked w^th^all for serving in this parishe as p^r^cher, doth Coveñnte and promyse that on ye Wenseday in ye forenone eũye weeke he wyll read a lecture in ye Churche and eũye sondaye in the forenoone he wyll p^r^che and in the afternones eũye Sonday he wyll Cathachise in the sayd Churche; for the wch his trayvayle and paynes to be taken therin he ys contentyd to accepte the sõme of xxx^li^ by yeare quarterly to be payd That ys to saye, at the hands of Mr Cole[2] pson of this paryshe the sõme of x^li^ yearely wch the sayd Cole hath Coveñntyd to paye yearlye as by a byll vnder his hand appearyth, And xx^li^ the resydew thereof to be paid him at the hands of the Churchewards; wch the pishe hath grauntyd to Allowe, So longe as he the sayd Gosson shall Contynew o^r^ p^r^cher, this paym^t^ to contynew from o^r^ lady day next forward A^o^ 1585

STEPHEN GOSSON

ffor pformance of the allowñnce vnto the p^r^cher as before ys specifyed It ys agreed by the said vestrye that eũye pishion shall allowe and paye to the hands of the Churchwardens quarterly suche and the lyke Rate and somes of mony as eũye

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of Christchurch, Oxford, 1572; stayed there 4 years: never finished his degree, but went to London and became noted for his 'admirable penning of Pastorals,' and as one of the chief ornaments of the rising drama. After about three years of great literary activity, Gosson's views changed; he left the dramatic world and began to write against plays. In August, 1579, he published his 'Schoole of Abuse,' an 'invective against poets, pipers, plaiers, jesters, and such like caterpillers of a Commonwealth,' dedicating it to (Sir) Philip Sidney. This work aroused much controversy, and Gosson, now tutor in a gentleman's family in the country, followed it up with 'The Ephemerides of Phialo and A short apologie of The School of Abuse' (November, 1579), and later 'Playes confuted in five actions' (1582). Probably about this time he left his tutorship, came to London again, and was ordained, and the above is the first record we have of his preferment. He was also lecturer at St. Martin's, Ludgate, and became subsequently Vicar of Sandridge, Herts, October, 1586, but he came back to Stepney to marry Elizabeth Arton on April 25, 1587. In 1591 he was appointed by the Queen Rector of Great Wigborough, Essex, and in 1600 exchanged to the cure of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, where he died, Febuary 17, 1623. By his will he left 25*s.* to the poor of Stepney, 'where I was lecturer before I was beneficed.' See Arber's reprint of 'The School of Abuse,' 1868; Stepney Registers; Nat. Dict. Biog.

[2] Humphrey Cole, Rector of Stepney 1579-93. Also Rector of St. Mary-le-Bow on presentation of the Archbishop of Canterbury 1584-88.—Newcourt Repert.

of theym doth allowe and pay for their pues or otherwise to the Church

W. Borough	H. Bradley
Robte Garton	John burell
Henry Poyntell	Arthur webstar[2]
John Brewster[1]	Edward Eliot
W. Stubbes	

For'smuch as dyuers good causes and consyderacons are made knowen, shewed and declared, concerning a sale to be made of the organs[3] now standing in the Church; wee the pishoners hereunder named, are verry well contented, and doe fully agree, conclude, and dertermyne, that the same organes now w^th^out vse, shalbee soulde by the Churchwardens now being to the vse of the parrish for as much mony as any

[1] John Brewster was Secondary of the Fines Office, and appears in these Minutes as Auditor for Poplar 1589-91, and Churchwarden in 1589-90. He sat on the Vestries of 1589 and 1594, but then is entered as 'gone.' He married, first, Thomasine, d. of John Piers; and second, Elizabeth, d. of Richard Thornhill, and widow of Sir James Deane, both of whom had already been twice married: his pedigree and an account of the funeral of his second wife are to be seen in Brit. Mus. Add. MS. 14417, f. 5. There still is in Stepney Church a tablet of brass and marble erected to the memory of his first wife, and the fact is noted in the entry of her burial (September 19, 1596,): it bears the following quaint inscription and coat of arms:

Here lyeth the wife of John Brewster, Esquire,
  Whos heavenlie death declars her happy lyfe.
Fame, say thy worst of her I the desire,
  And thou must blase her for a godly wyfe.
Of rich and poor thou knowest beloved was she,
Speak thou therfore the rest of her for me.
I saye noe moore; her name was Thomasiñe,
To whom no douhpt the Lord forgave her siñe.
Now blessed is Almyghtie God therefore
And praised be His name for evermore.
Obijt Anno etatis sue 46.
Annoq' Dñi 1596.

The Arms—Sable a chevron erm. between three étoiles Argent, impaled with, Sable a chevron Ermine, betw. 3 lions' heads erased Argent: a chief, Or.

Brit. Mus. Add. MS. 14417, f. 5. Stepney Registers.

[2] Arthur Webster married Alice Meritt, December 9, 1583, and was buried December 6, 1591. See Registers.

[3] The same movement was going on throughout the country: *e.g.*, at Whitechapel there is a very similar entry of a resolution to get rid of the organ at any price in 1573.

man will geve for them, And whatsoeuer some of mony shalbe receaved, the Churchwardens to certify the same upon the next accompt for theyre discharge. And hereunto we haue set oure handes the xxijth day of May 1585

Jho^{n} Thomas Vicare	Richard Addams
W. Borough	Mr fewillims
By me Jho^{n} Marche	Mr mycheyson
Richard Marche	Edward Eliot
Henrye ffreman	Ralphe Wilkyne
Fr. Vomeius	Willm Maule
by me William Jones	his mke
Hone Rychardson	p me Joh^{em} Meade
H. Bradley	p me Edward Cobbs
Willm Docklay	Arthure webster
cunstabill	his marke
Dennes West	Thomas suttone
W. Stubbes	his marke
Mr Gartene	Henrye poyntrell
Richard Estwoode	John Cowper
Wylleam Walter	his marke
Wylliam Roffe	By me James fford
Richard Randolph	

The 5th of June 1586

At an assembly holden in the church howse of the parissioners the day above wretten—uppon request made in the behalf of the widowe of the late vicar John Thomas, It is agreed that the sayd widowe paying the som of iiij^{li} corrant Englishe mony wch shuld have ben dewe to the parish for pascall mony by her sayd husbande the Sonday month next aft^{r} east^{r} last past, wch was the first day of May last, if he had livid till aft^{r} the sayd east^{r}, but diing before he had not, nor any for him, as to his use, any right to the paskall mony for this yerepast endid at the sayd first day of may; notwthstanding

the assembly foresayd in the behalf of the pish, are contented & have geven concent that the sayd widow shall injoye the whole paskall mony for the year past for the sayd some of iiij^{li} as her husband shuld hav payd if he had lived. So as she aunswere back to the vse of the parrish so much mony as hath byn resevid of the comunycants for paskall mony since the sayd first day of May, and hence forward the church wards shall receve it of the comñycants as it shall grow dew

According to the act set downe the 28th June 1584 for ꝯtayne of venery hamblet to awdid the accomptes of the church wardens it is agreed

for ratclif	Mr Stubbes Mr Garton	Mr Holland[1] Mr Elliot	or any 2 off them
limehouse	Mr Bigat Mr Ewstes (?)	Mr Pet Mr Poyntell	or any 2 off them
bednall greene & Myle end	Mr lawe Mr Pointell	Arter Webster w^{am} carter	or any 2 of them
popler	hew Richardson Mr Bradly dines West		or any 2 of them

and to make the accompt redy to be pused by the prish on sondaye next

the 12th of June 1586.

At an assembly holden in the Church howse by the prissioners yt is consented and agreed that Robart Birte who is by the pish elected chosen and apointed clark of the church that he the sayd clarke shall assist the church wardens for receving the paskall pence dew from the first day of may last till this day, of & from the wydow of the lat vicar wch being receved the churchwarden is to charge it in accompt as receved for the sayd duty till this day.

[1] William Holland, 'One of the four Masters of her Majesty's navy,' died April 12, 1587. See Registers.

It is also agreed that the sayd clark shall take the names of all the comunycants of the prish and make a book of them, as the vicar in tyme past vsed to doo.

Lykewise he shall from hence forth recev all dewtes for pascall pence of such comvnicants as shall recev, from tyme to tyme, and therof to give a just accompt & deliꝑ the mony every month beginynge on sondaye the month aſt this daye, and so from month to month alwayes heareaft vnto the church warden apointed for keeping the church stock. likewyse he shall wryt for the church wardens & kepe the bookes of the accoñts & helpe them for all other wrytings they shall hav need of his helpe in for the Church vse; And in consideracion of his paynes to be taken therin the prish hav agreed to allow him xl^{s} by year to be pd him by x^{s} q'terly

7° July 1588

We whose names are vnder wrytten do in respecte of this Clarks good service yeld to Confyrm this grannt

By me THOMAS HUDSON

W. STUBBES
JAMES ARMARER
EDWARD ELIOT
JOHN MORTLOCK
GEORGE HALL[1]

RICHARD WEILD
JOHN RYDER
ALAXANDAR DAVISON
RICHARD ESTEWOD

THOMAS HARDYNGE
p me HEN: LANN
5 July 1588

A TRUE COPIE OF THE last will and testament of John Mathew sometyme Citizen and Marchanttailor of London, decessed, in anno domini 1560 Ex Regestro curiae praerogativae cant̄ extract̄ as followeth[2]

THE MONEY of the poore people,[3] which hath byn geiuen by the will of John Mathew aforesayd, According as his

[1] George Hall, a ropemaker of Limehouse. See burial register October 5, 1590.
[2] The will follows here *in extenso*, but is not printed here. See the Appendix.
[3] Stepney has not received much benefit under this will, as all traces of the bequests have been utterly lost from this date forward: the same is the case also at Hackney Parish, which also ought to benefit by Mathew's bequests.

Executors or heires haue made and from tyme to tyme make payment thereof to the Churchwardens of Stepnie Parish, by them to be distributed among the poorest folke of the same Parish accordingly is here regestred as followeth vi'z

FFIRST Receaued by the Churchwardens, and payd to them by Ipolito Lynnet being one of the Executors of the sayd Will, the xxixth daie of June Anno 1586. xl^{s} for the poore and iij^{s} iiij^{d} for the distributing therof. dico ... ... ij^{li} iij^{s} iiij^{d}

SECONDLY Receaued more by the sayd Churchwardens, and payd to them by William Crowder of Kingsland in Hackney Parish being heire of the sayd John Mathew the xxiijth daie of December Anno 1586, as by Acquitaunce gev^{n} may appeare, xl^{s} for the poore & iij^{s} iiij^{d} for ye distributing thereof dico ... ... ij^{li} iij^{s} iiij^{d}

Nono die Aprilis Anno Regine Elizabeth xxix^{o}

m^{d} that the daye and yere aboue wrytten wthin the vesterye of the pishe of Stebunhuthe yt was concluded and agreed by the Consente of the Churche wardens of the same pishe and the more pte of the pishioners then there ꝑsent that Mr Antonye Andersone[1] nowe Vicar of the sayd pishe shall have and enioye unto his owne vse for this yere nexte ensuynge, And so from yere to yere at the will & pleasure of the

[1] Anthony Anderson was appointed to succeed John Thomas as vicar by Sir Nicholas Woodroffe and others—apparently some trustees who had bought from Rector Cole the next presentation to the Vicarage—(February 21, 1586). Only a few weeks before he had been given the Rectory of Denge in Essex, but he preferred Stepney, and resigned Denge to come there. He had already been 14 years Rector of Medbourne, Leicestershire, and he held this conjointly with Stepney till his death, October 10, 1593. He was also distinguished as gospeller, and later subdean of the Chapel Royal, and was a writer of some books, the chief of which are two small commentaries on the Benedictus and Nunc Dimittis: the Registers contain several entries of members of his family, and the record of his burial at Stepney October 11, 1593.—Nat. Dict. Biog.; Newcourt Repert., etc.

Inhabitants for the tyme beinge the moneye heretofore called the pascall pennes hereafter due & payable by the Comunicants of the same pishe yeldynge & paynge into the handes of the Churche Wardens there for the tyme beynge to the vse of the sayd pishe the sum̃e of fowere poundes of lawfull moneye of Englande alwayes w^th^in one monethe next aft the feaste of Easter, this grannte not to be taken awaye nor altered wythout a Consent of the lyke nūber at the lyke vesterye. In wytnes herof wee the sayd pshioner herevnto have put o^r^ handes the daye & yere above wrytten,

W Stubbes	Edward Eliot
Thomas Hardyng	Wylyem Leake (?)
Arthure Webster	H Bradley
Rychard Gybbes	Henry Poyntell
Richard Estwood	Balam Donffell
Tho Campion	Alexandar Dauison
Thomas Sottone	Tho. foster's marke
John Burell	James ffoord
James Armarer	by me Wylliam Mathew

1589

At a vestrie howlden in the Church howse the first day of June Anno 1589 by a convenient number of the cheefe Inhabitants, Assistants and others of the Parish of Stebunhuth in the Countie of Midd; were chosen for Auditors of the Churche Accompts there, viz as well for the awditinge and perusing the Accoñpts of the yeares 1586 & 1587 as also of the Acconnpt of the yeare 1588 these psones whose names are herevnder written viz

ffor Ratclifhamlet ... ... Mr Freeman, Mr Eliott & Mr Vassall[1]

[1] John Vassall, citizen and probably Alderman of London, was of French descent, but lived on Ratcliffe Wall—a man of great enterprise and considerable wealth, and connected by friendship and by marriage with the Borough family (p. 6). He was one of the founders of

Sr Wm Ryder Haberdasher
Lord Mayor of the City of London 1600.

ffor Limehowshamlet ...	Mr Borough Mr Bigate & Mr Armorer
ffor Poplerhamlet	Mr Brewster Mr Jones & Mr Bradley
ffor Milendhamlet	Mr Rider[1] Mr Poyntell & Mr Slyforde

That the Acconnpts before specyfied maybe Awdited and made ꝑfect to be ꝑsented to the ꝑish to ꝑuse, and confirme by the last day of the aforesayde moneth of June.

2 Churchwardens chosen also the sayde first of June, by the sayde vestrie vi'z

For Popler	Mr John Brewster	for ye yeare 1589
For Milend	James fforde	and 1590

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the colony of Virginia, and several of his large family were men distinguished in the colonies and at home. He fitted out at his own expense two ships, *The Samuell* and *The Little Toby*, to fight the Armada, and one of them he commanded himself. He was married three times, not twice, as is stated in the Visitation of London of 1633. He appears in the Minutes as Auditor for Ratcliffe in 1589, and vestryman from 1589-1602, when he seems to have left the parish and moved away, probably to Cockseyhurst, Eastwood, Essex, where he had property. He returned, however, to Stepney, died of the plague, and was buried there September 13, 1625.—Information from Rev. William Vassall. Stepney Registers.

[1] Sir William Ryder, citizen and Haberdasher, subscribed £100 to the Defence Fund against the Armada: in 1591-92 he was Sheriff, and in 1601 Lord Mayor of London. His year of office was marked by the insurrection of Lord Cobham and the Earl of Essex, and Ryder was busily employed in the defence of the City from their attack, and in the crushing of the conspiracy: at the close of it he was knighted, and we subsequently find him very busy as Collector-General of Customs, Commissioner for the sale of Church property, and engaged in many other financial transactions. Meanwhile he served upon the Vestry at Stepney, and at St. Bartholomew's Exchange. He died in 1611, leaving two daughters, Lady Lake and Dame Cæsar, as his coheiresses. His wife was Elizabeth, widow of Richard Stone, Esq., and on the north wall of the chancel of Leyton Church, which Ryder rebuilt in 1610, and where Edward Ryder was lord of the manor, there were dimly to be seen in Lysons' time two coats of arms, and on one of them could be deciphered the impalement of the Stone arms: Gules a chevron ermine between three pelicans, Or. A portrait of him was published in 1797 by W. Richardson: and pedigrees of other parts of the family are to be found in Brit. Mus. Add. 5520, f. 203; Harl. 1394, f. 359.—State Papers, Domestic; Brit. Mus. Add. MSS. 5752, 3, 5, and 5843; Noble's Armada Lists; Freshfield's Vestry Minutes of St. Bartholomew's Exchange; Lysons' Environs.

1589

AN ORDER ENTRED here wherunto are the handes of 32 Parishoners as followeth viz

WHERAS by divers complayntes, as well of the Churchwardens and others of this pishe of Stebunhuth, We the Parishoners there doe vnderstand, that many things touching the Church and Churchduties &c be out of order, and that certayne of the Worstedisposed of this pishes Inhabitāts be very vnwilling and slacke, in payment of their severall taxaciōs and duties heretofore vsed, and accustomed to be payde towardes the Reparacions, and maintenaunce of the pish Churche, and the furniture of the same, As well for the avoyding of charges by sutes of Lawe in recovering of the same against them (beinge but smaule seuerall summes, yet the whole beinge of some rownde accoumpte) As for reformacion of disorders, and for ordayninge and mainteynaunce of good orders therein to be taken within the sayde Parishe and the severall Hamletts of the same, wee the Cheefe Parishoners beinge nowe assembled together for that purpose in Vestrie as many as conveniently yt may houlde, have by mutuall assent and consent, ordayned and agreed, that there shalbe chosen in every of the fowre Hamletts vi'z Ratcliff Lymehowse, Popler and Milend, Eight specyall psons wch in the whole maketh the nombre of xxxij^tie^ to be appoynted Vestrie men : To thende and purpose that they or any xij of them (whereof two being of every of the sayde Hamletts at the leaste) may at all tymes as often as neede shall require (callinge vnto them the Parson or Vicare for the tyme beinge and the Churchwardens or some of them) assemble together in the Vestrie and there to consult, and agree, howe to reforme, and order any matter, or thing that they shall finde to be amysse and out of order in the sayde Parishe touching the Church or any Churchduties, for the better government and mainteynance, aswell of the sayd pishe Churche, and provision of the poore, and needy people, As also for the avoydinge of evell disposed, malefactors

and disordred people, out of the sayde Parishe: And to take such good and lawdable orders therein, as to their discrecyon shalbe thought best from tyme to tyme, As the cause or causes shall require. And all such good and holsome orders as they or any xij of them (being of every Hamlet two at the leaste, with the Churchwardens or any two of them as aforesayde) shall agree vpon, and the same enter or cause to be entred in this Churchbooke for a Testimony of their agrement. We the Parishoners ꝑsently assembled both for ourselves, and in the name of all the rest of the Parishoners doe bynde our selves, and them by mutuall assents, To howlde, observe and mayntayne. In witnes wherof we hereunto have put our handes the xvijth of August Anno 1589

The names of the Vestriemen chosen by the Parishoners of Stebunhuthe the foresayde 17 daie of August anno 1589. Vi'z

For Ratcliff	For Lymehouse
William Stubbes gentlē	Willim̃ Burough Esquire
James Grent gentlemā	James Armerer gent.
Robert Garton	William Bigate
William ffreeman	Richard Gibbs
Edward Eliot	Maoris Wade
Thomas Hardyng[1]	
John Burrell	Henry Poyntell
John Vassall	Humphrey Cheshire
Richard Eastwood	John Mortlock

For Popler	For Milend
John Brewster gent̄	Mr Henry Smith
Mr Gotts gent̄	Edward Hemmyng[2]
William Jones	Mr William Ryder
Henry Bradly	George Poynter
John Gonnys	Willim̃ Sleeforde

[1] Inserted at a later date, and in another handwriting.
[2] Mr. Edward Hemming died June 10, 1590. See Registers.

Hugh Richardson	Thomas Lucas gent[1]
Dionis West	Edward Robinson
William Railton	William Carter

AN INIUNCTION COPIED concerninge Preachers Anno 1589
A copie

WHERE sundrie preachers have latelie come into sundrie places of the diocesse of London, some of them not being Ministers; Others, such as have no sufficient warrant for their calling: Others, such as have byn detected in other countries, and have not notwithstanding taken vpon theym publiquelie to preache, to the infamy of theire calling; Others haue in theire preachinge rather stirred vp the people to Innouation, than sought the peace of the Church. These are therfore in hir Maiesties name, by vertue of her high Commission for causes Ecclesiasticall, to us and others directed, straightly to Inioyne, comaund, and charge, all Parsons, Vicars, Curates, & Churchwardens, of all Churches situate within the diocesse of London, as well in places exempt from the Bishop of London his iurisdiction, as not exempt: that they nor any of them doe suffer any to preache in their Churches or Parishes, or to reade any Lectures, (not being in their own Cures) but only such whose Licences, they shall first have seene, and read, and whome they shall finde to be licensed therto, either by the Queenes Maiestie, or by one of the Vniuersities of Cambridge, or Oxford, or by the Lo Archbishop of Canterbury, or the Lo Bishop of London for the tyme being, vnder seale, And that no private assemblies or conventicles about Ecclesiasticall exercyses by any psons whatsoever, be suffered to be held, eyther in howses or elsewhere, by knowledg of the Minister or Churchwardens: But that the pties so assembling, bee detected by them, to the Ordinarie, with the

[1] Thomas Lucas, of Bethnal Green, gent., gave £25 to the Defence Fund against the Armada.—Noble's Armada Lists.

manner of their saide assemblies, with as convenyent speede as may bee.

AND that this Iniunction may be published & take the better effect: We will that a true copie therof shalbe deliuered to euery Curate, or to the Churchwarden of euery of the Churches aforesaide: And that vppon the Sundaie next after the receipt hereof, presently after the reading of the second lesson at morning prayer, it shall be read openly by the Minister to the Congregation: And afterwards it shall be written in the Church booke of accoumpts, so as it may be knowne vnto such Ministers and Churchwardens, as shall succeede them: And then it to be fastened vp in some convenient place of the Church: proved the xxvjth daie of March in the yeare of our Lord God 1589.

Io: CANTUAR.	WILL FLETEWOOD
VALEN: DALE.	THO. WINTON.
EDW: STANHOPE.	BAR: CLARK.
WILL AUBREY	JOHN MULLINS.
IHON: LONDON.	RICHARD COSIN.
OWYN HOPTON.[1]	HARB'. HEREFORD
W. LEWYN.	

1590

AT A VESTRIE houlden in the Church howse the xiiijth daie of June anno 1590 by a convenyent numbre of the chiefe Inhabitants, Assistants, and others of the Parishoners of Stebunhuth in the Countie of Midlesex, were chosen for Awditors by their generall concent, these persons whose names are here vnder written to awdite and examine the Churchwardens Accoumptes for the yere last past, which they

[1] Sir Owen Hopton, as a Stepney man, deserves a brief notice here. He was born 1533, knighted in 1561, was Sheriff of Norfolk 1565, and Lieutenant of the Tower 1570-91. He died in 1591, and was buried at Stepney September 26. One of his daughters married Henry, third Lord Wentworth, lord of the manor of Stepney.—State Papers; Overall's Remembrancia.

are to make perfect to be recorded, so as the same may be p̊sented to the pish in the Churchhowse aforesayde to peruse, and confirme by the last day of this moneth of June A° Elizabeth' Regine xxxij°

For Ratclifhamlet ... Mr Stubbs Esquire
Mr Grent
Mr Eliot

For Lymehowshamlet Sir Henry Palmer Knight[1]
Mr Wm Borough Esquier
Mr Marshe

For Poplerhamlet ... Mr John Brewster Esquire
Mr Bradly
Dionis West

For Milendhamlet ... Mr William Rider
Mr Beniamin Lany
Mr Sliforde

2 Churchwardens chosen also the foresaide 14th of June 1590 at the sayd Vestrie. Vi'z

For Ratclif Mr Robt Garton: Thomas Campion for him *he refused*

For Lymehouse Maorice Wade

1590

AT THE FORESAID VESTRIE the foresaide xiiijth of June anno 1590 & xxxijth of hir Maties reigne these men followinge were chosen Sidemen to assotiate the Churchwardens, and con-

[1] Sir Henry Palmer served with an expedition under Lord Leicester in the Low Countries, where he was knighted in 1586. He fought in command of *The Antelope* against the Armada, and in December of the same year he succeeded Borough (p. 6) as Controller of the Navy. In 1597 it was reported in Spain that his head was cut off; he, however, continued in active service until 1606, and died in 1611.—He resided in Stepney, and there are several entries relating to his family in the Parish Registers. His son Henry succeeded him as Comptroller of the Navy, and was knighted in 1618.—Metcalfe's Book of Knights. State Papers, Domestic Series; List of Ships in Western Antiquary, Armada number.

firmed by Anthony Andreson Vicar and the Churchwardens there of Stepny. viz

Ratclifhamlet	Peter Pinder
Lymehoushamlet	Thomas White
Poplerhamlet	Peter Tayler
Milendhamlet	Stephan Houghton

1590

MEMORAND' that the iiijth Sunday in Lent, being the xiiijth of Marche 1590 the xxxiijth of hir Maties reig̃e, At a vestrie then holden by a convenyent numbre of the cheefe Inhabitants, and assistants with Mr Vicar and Churchwarden of Stepney by their generall consent (the rather at the request of Mr Robert Garton of Ratcliff) was grannted to Hellen Gray widowe that Chaumber or lower rowme in the Churchyerd of Stepney: out of which Katheren Stephanson late was Buryed: To haue and to howlde to the same Hellen during hir naturall life at the will and pleasure of the Grannters,

Also it was then and there grannted by their like generall consent that Jane Mason widow shall from hence foorthe remayne and dwell with Mother Wells in that Chaumber which she nowe howldeth of the ꝑishe, in the Churchyearde aforesaide, Also at the will and pleasure of the saide Grannters.

1591

AT A VESTRIE holden in the Churchhowse the xxxth daie of May anno 1591 by a convenient Numbbre of the cheefe Inhabiters, Assistants and others of the ꝑishoners of Stebunhuthe in the Countie of Midd, were chosen for Awditors by their generall concent these ꝑsons whose names are here vnder writtē to Awdite and examine the Churchwardens accoumpts for the year last past, which they are to make ꝑfect to be recorded so as the same may be ꝓsented to the Parishe

in the Churchhowse aforesaide to pvse and confirme by the 3 daie of June next cōminge A° Elizabethe Reginae xxxiij°

For Ratclifhamlet ...	Mr Elliot Mr Tapsfild Mr Eastwoode
For Lymehouse	Mr Marche Mr Boroughe Mr Bigat
For Poplerhamlet ..	Mr Bruster Mr Abdye Mr Richardson
For Milendhamlet ...	Mr Sliforde henry Smythe Mr lucas

2 Churchwardens chosen also the foresayd xxxth of May 1591 at the sayd Vestrie. Vi'z

For Milendhamlet John fuller esquire.[1]
For Poplerhamlet William Raylton.

1591

At the foresaide Vestrie the foresaide xxxth day of May anno 1591 and xxxiijth of hir Maties reign these men followinge were chosen Sidemen to assotiat the churchwardens by Mr Anthony Andreson Vicar, and the Churchwardens there of Stepny alias Stebunhuthe.

Ratcliffhamlet
Lymehoushamlet
Poplerhamlet
Milenhamlet
} they remayne Sidemen in theire seuerall hamlets as they were chosen the last yeare 1590.

(*Gap from* 1591-1594—*no entries.*)

[1] John Fuller, of Bishopshall, in 1588 gave £50 towards the Armada Defence Fund. He was a judge, and left benefactions to Stepney (see his will below) in the shape of almshouses erected in Eagle Place, on the north side of Mile End Road. He formerly lived in the City at Paul's Wharf, but latterly at Bishopshall, the site of the old manorial house of the Bishops of London, in Bethnal Green, where now Victoria Park stands. He died in 1592, and was buried at Stepney on May 2. The almshouses were repaired in 1720, and over the door were the Fuller arms: Argent three bars Azure. Lysons' Environs; State Papers, Domestic; Stepney Registers; Noble's Armada Lists.

1594

THE NAMES[1] of the vestre men chosen by the Parishoners of Stebunhuthe the 5 of Maye anno 1594. Viz:

	For Ratcliff		For Lymehous	
gone	Wm Stubbs gent		Wm Boroughe Esquire	*mort*
	Thomas Jones gent		Ricd Marche gent	
dead	Edward Eliote		Wm Bigatt	*gone*
gone	*Mr Bookett*			
dead	Thomas Hardinge		Wm Jones[4]	
gone	John Vassall		James Armorer	*gone*
gone	*John Gardiner gent*[2]			
dead	John Burrall		Thomas White	*dead*
	Thomas Milton		Nicolas Diggens[5]	
	Willm Burrell[3]		*Thomas Andrewes gent*[4]	
			John Woormall gent	*dead*
	John Peerson		*Josephe Pett*	*dead*
	The Churchwarden		The Churchwarden	
			xpofer Neweport[6]	
			Nicholas Symyson & Robt Ryckman[4]	

[1] The names and words printed in italics were inserted later.

[2] John Gardiner is styled 'of the Sugar house' in the Burial Register, December 22, 1599. He and Gardiner and Co., sugar refiners of Ratcliff, are mentioned in the State Papers. —Registers; State Papers, Domestic Series, 1597.

[3] William Burrell, son of John Burrell (see p. 6), was the greatest shipbuilder of his day. He took a prominent part in all the early doings of the East India Company, and the North-West Passage Company; was employed by the former as their chief shipbuilder, and they provided him with a house on the dockyard at Deptford. But in 1626 he 'took more on him than belonged to his place,' and was dismissed from their service and from his house. His relations with the company were further complicated by a lawsuit in Chancery against them, which dragged on for some time, and finally in 1629 was handed over to arbitration. Meanwhile, since 1615, he had been a Commissioner of the Royal Navy, and very busy building ships for the Navy with the title of Master Shipwright, and the pay of 1s. 8d. a day. Almost simultaneously with his quarrel with the E.I.C. his work for Government was called in question, and a commission sat on the alleged defects in his ships; the result was apparently favourable to him, as he continued in active employ till his death at the end of 1630. —State Papers, Domestic and Colonial, 1600-30; Visitation of London, 1633-35.

[4] Robert Rickman, of Limehouse, master of a vessel of 700 tons, complains that on arriving at Venice, he, with ninety-three mariners, was seized and made to take a tedious journey to Stade, the ship being sold to two Venetian factors for 1,200 ducats. He was a shipbuilder in Limehouse, in partnership with Thomas Andrews and William Jones.—State Papers, Domestic Series, 1594-96.

[5] Nicholas Dickens, or Diggins, shipbuilder, of Limehouse, much in the employ of the East India Company. He married Gillian Smith, August 13, 1580, and had numerous issue. —State Papers, Colonial (East Indies).

[6] Christopher Newport, naval commander and Admiral of Virginia, earned renown in 1603 by capturing, with two ships, five Spanish treasure frigates from Carthagena, containing

	For Popler	For Milend & *Bednalgrene*	
gone	John Brewst[r] gent	W[m] Seybright Esquier	
	Mr Willi[m]son	*Thomas Bludder gent*[1]	
	Henri Bradley	Tho: Lucas gent	*gone*
mort	Hughe Richardson	Beniamin Lany gent	
		Pawle Smythe	
	Richard Wild	Sirache Rose gent	
	Willi[m] Comyns	*John Lyon*	
	Denis West	Stephan Howghton	
	Will[m] Browne	*xp̃ofer Pate*	
	Richard Lawrenc	John Wilson	
	John Abdy	*Thomas hogge*	
	Ezechell Crips	W[m] Slefford	*gone*
	John Elvyn	*Edward Robinson*	
	Edmund Purser	George Pointer	*gone*
	Mr Will[m]son		
	The Churchwarden	The Churchwarden[2]	

The xvj[th] of May 1597

At the Churchhowse wherein the chiefest inhabitants & pishoners of this pish haue assembled themselues: It is

two millions of money. Then he entered the service of the Virginia Company, and in 1607 made with three ships a most important exploration of the James River in Virginia. He returned the following January, bringing with him an Indian called Narmontach. The next few years saw him busy with the affairs of Virginia, but in 1614 he is in the service of the East India Company. He led an expedition to Persia, and on his return was much commended for his ability and skill. A second expedition was then proposed, but Newport refused to go under £240 a year, so the Company 'let him rest awhile to advise and bethink himself,' with the result that he consented to go for £10 a month. After this he was constantly busy to and fro between England and India till his death, which occurred at Bantam in 1621. He was three times married (and had issue): to Katharine Procter, October 19, 1584; to Ellen Ade, January 29, 1590; to Elizabeth Glanfield, October 1, 1595. —State Papers, Domestic and Colonial; Winsor, Hist. of America, iii., chap. v.

[1] Sir Thomas Bludder was Joint Surveyor-General of Victuals to the Navy, and was knighted at Chatham July 4, 1604. He later, with Ryder (p. 17), farmed the coal tax, and was afterwards a contractor for the pre-emption of tin. He married Maria, daughter of Christopher Herris, of Shenvile, Essex, and after twenty-seven years of wedded life they died within a week of one another in 1618, and were buried in Reigate Church, where there is a marble monument with a Latin epitaph to their memory. His arms were confirmed by Camden, Clarenceux, who described him as residing on 'Mile End Green.' Arms, Gu a dexter arm couped vambraced Or, hand ppr. Crest, a lion's head erased Ar., pierced through the neck with the blade of a sword of the last, the wound gu. The crest is the same as that of the Lincolnshire family. Sir Thomas Bludder's eldest son was knighted at Whitehall April 22, 1618.—State Papers, Domestic Series; Manning and Bray's Surrey; Townsend's Knights.

[2] Here follows in the MS. the will of John Fuller, which is not printed here. See Appendix.

ordered & agreed by them that foure, or twoo of every hamlet shalbe sufficient to awdit & pvse thaccompt of the Churchwardens for the yere ending on thascenc̃on day 1597

Ratcliff	Popler
Mr Jones	Mr Willm̃sonn
Mr Eliott	Hugh Richardson
Mr Harding	Henry Bradley
Mr Bigate	Dennys West

Lymehowse	Mile end and Bednall greene
Mr March	Mr Lany
Mr Jones	Mr Rose
Mr Tho: White	George Pointell
John Motlock	Stephen Houghton

It is further ordered & decreed the day and yere aboue written, that Richard Cotesford, Clark, shall haue lent him xl^{s} by the Churchwardens out of the Church mony to be repaide by the said Clark out his wages quarterly, the first paym^{t} to deducted at michalmas next

RICHARD COTTESFORD[1]
Clarke :

1597

Repayd the 29 of Septembr of the forsayd forty shillings	x^{s}
Repayd the 24 of Desember folowing ...	x^{s}
Repayd the 24 of March folowing	x^{s}

AN ORDER MADE BY THE GEN'ALL assent and consent of the Parrishoners of this Parrish of Stepney, the nynth day of Janũie 1598 in the one and fortith yere of the raigne of o^{r} soũaigne Lady Elizabeth : the Queenes ma^{tie} that now is : for the chooseing and electing of vestry men there : And also

[1] Richard Cottesford was parish clerk, and was buried July 16, 1603.—Registers.

for thallowing and confirming of all such matters as they the said vestrymen shall here, order, and determyne, according to th'order herevnder written—

WHEREAS WEE THE SAIDE PARRISHONERS vnderstanding by dyuers complaintes as well of the churchwardens as others of this Parrish: That many thinges touching the church and church duties are out of order and that certayne of the wourst disposed pishoners of this pish be slack and verie unwilling to pay theire seuerall taxacõns & duties heretofore vsed & accustomed to be paide towards the repacõns and maintenñce of the church and the furniture of the same, and other thinges needfull and necessarie to be reformed, Therefore for the auoyding as well of chardges by sutes of law in recoũing of the same against them being but small seũall somes yet in the whole amounting to a greatte value: As also for reformacõn of disorders and for thordayning and mayntayning of good orders w^th^in this pish and the seuerall hamlettes of the same: WEE THE SAIDE pishoners being now assembled in the vestery for that purpose haue by mutuall assent and consent ordayned and agreed that there shalbe chosen: And by theis pñtes wee doe elect and choose in eũy of the foure hamletts, namely Ratcliff, Lymehowse, Popler and Mile end wth Bednall greene, tenn speciall psons hereafter named wch in the whole maketh forty to be appointed vesterymen: To th'ende & purpose that they or any twelve of them (whereof two at the least shalbe of everie of the saide hamlettes) shall or may at all tymes hereafter as often as neede shall requier calling vnto them the churchwardens for the tyme being or any twoo of them to assemble togeather in the vesterie, and there to examyne, heere, order and determyne any matter or cause that they shall finde to be amysse and out of order in this pish touching the church, church duties and other things needfull and necessarie to be reformed for the better goũnm^t^ & maintenñce as well of the saide Parrish Church, and

prouysion of the poore & needy people: as also for the reforming of evell disposed contencious and disordered people in the saide Parrishe; And to take such further order for the reforming and execucon thereof as in theire discreacons shalbe thought meet & convenient from tyme to tyme as the cause or causes shall requier: And all such orders as they or any twelve of them, being of eny hamlett Twoo at the least as aforesayde wth the churchwardens or any twoo of them as aforesaid shall agree vpon and the same so entred in this church booke for the better sight and remembraunce of the same: Wee the saide pishoners for o^r^ selues and the residue of the saide pish: doe by theis psentes, binde o^r^ selues to Ratify and confyrme from tyme to tyme: IN WITNESS WHEREOF wee the saide pishoners heere assembled haue by mutuall assentes and consentes as aforesaid herevnto put oure handes the day and yere first before written

THE NAMES[1] OF THE VESTERIE men elected and chosen by the pishoners of Stepney according to thorder aforementioned That is to say

For Ratcliff	ffor Limehouse
Wm Higges	
Thomas Jones gent	Richard March gent
Mr Edward Eliott	Mr Willim Jones
Mr Wm Bigate	Mr Thos White
Edward Daulton	
Mr Thomas harding	Mr Nicholas Diggens
Mr John Vassall	Thomas Androes gent
Nicho: Simonson	
John Gardiner gent.	John Woormall gent
William	
Mr John Burrell	Mr Joseph Pett *mort*
Mr Thomas Miltonn	Mr xpofer Newport
Jeames Woodcot[2]	

[1] Those names and words printed in italics were inserted at a later date, and many of the names were then crossed out.

[2] Jeames Woodcot, a servant of the East India Company. He married Winifred Hall, October 28, 1570. State Papers, Colonial (East Indies), i. 393.

Mr Thomas West	Nicholas Symonson
Mr Walter Shewers	Mr Robert Rickman
The Churchwarden	The Churchwarden

For Popler	for Mile end and Bednall greene	
	Sr Wm Rider, knight	
Mr Willimsonn	*Sr* Thomas Bludder Esq	*knight*
Mr Henry Bradley	Beniamyn Lany gent	*mort*
Mr Wam Comyns	Paull Smith gent	*gon*
Dennys West	Sirach Rose gent	*gon*
Wm Browne	Mr John Lyonn gent	*gon*
Richard Laurence	Mr Stephen Houghton	*gone*
John Ade	Christopher Pate	
Ezechiell Cripps	Johnn Wilsonn	*mort*
John Elvin	Thomas Hogg	
Edmund Purser	Edward Robinson	
The Churchwarden	The Churchwarden	

The confirmacon of th'order afore mencioned by the pishoners of Stepney hereunder named

ALEXANDER DAVISON	THOMAS BRULARD
p PETER PINDER	Wam CHESTERS mk
HENRY PICKIS	THO FFREMAN constable
THOMAS GARDENER	THOMAS WILLIAMS
ROBERT GUESSONE	JOHN GREGORYE
JOSEPH PAGE	The mk of MORGINE HEWES
REIGNOLD CROFTES mk	THOMAS BARKAR
JOHN CRANE	HUMFREY LAPFIELLD
RICHARD HALL[1]	JOHNN GALLOWS
ROGER FFRITHES mk	ANTHONNY FFOX
JOHN THOMAS mk	

[1] Richard Hall, an anchorsmith of Ratcliff, employed by the East India Company, and also for the Royal Navy. State Papers, Colonial E.I.C., Domestic, 1602.

By JEAMES WOODCOT
The mk of ROBERT FFEEWILLIMS
RICHARD MERRETT
WILLIAM P'TRICHE
ROBERT BLANDS mk
HENRY MARRYAT
NICHOLAS HUDSONS mk
THOMAS MAY
MATHE WERMELL
JOHNN BARKERS mk
RICHARD CHAPMANS mk
WALTER COLES mk
EDWARD CRANE
WILLIm LAVVYSON
WILLm CLARKE
EDWD ROBSONNE
EDWARD BENET:
WILLIm WHEALES
BARTHOLOMEW CAVELL
EDMOND PURSER
NYCHOLAS SMARTHEWES mark
JOHN GODFREYS marke
EDMOND DOUES marke
CLEMENCE (?) WHITE
EDWARD HERSHOPE
Wm MAYE
THOMAS HILLES
Wm SWYNCKFELDES mark
Wm DYUES mark
Wm HILLS mark

Lymehouse Hamlett

The Confyrmacon of the Order afore mencyoned by the pishoners of Stepnye herevnder named

JHON MORTLOCKS mke
THOMAS RICHARDSONS mke
DAUID CARPENTER[1]
THOMAS JHINKIN
MYCHELL HAMPS mke
THOMAS BEXLEY
THO BEST[2]
WILLam JURDEN
THOMAS WALKERE
WYLLEM BAYTES marke
JOHN ASHELE

[1] David Carpenter, master of the East India Company's ship *Samaritan.* He is reported in 1611 to be old and deaf, but is kept on in his place. State Papers, Colonial (East Indies), vol. i.

[2] Thomas Best, a captain of the East Indian Company's Navy, first went to sea in 1853, and is referred to in 1598 as 'a man of suhstance and repute well known in Ratcliff and Limehouse.' In 1611-12 he sailed for India, where he defeated the Portuguese in a series of brilliant engagements, and is credited with being virtually the founder of British power in that country. He afterwards served in the Royal Navy, and in 1633 he was a warden of the Trinity House; his daughter Elizabeth married Henry Dethick, son of Sir William Dethick, of Poplar, leaving one daughter and six sons, one of whom afterwards became Richmond Herald. Nat. Dict. Biog.; Noble's Hist. Coll. of Heralds.

THOMAS GREVES	ANDREW BLACKSLEY
JOHN COXOM	The marke of ROBA^rT
THOMAS BRETT	STROFT
JHAN CHESSN'S	R. D.
JHON HOWELLS m̃ke	THOMAS HATTON
ROBTE BAYNAMS m̃ke	p me Wm FFREMAN

WHEREAS by an order made the ix^th of Januarie 1598 in thone and fortith yere of the raigne of o^r soũaigne lady Elizabeth the queenes Matie that now is: By the gen̄all election, assent, and consent, of the pishon̄s of this pish of Stepney; Wee whose names are before written next and imeadiately following the said order of the saide election entred in this book, were elected and chosen for the said foure seũall hamlettes within the said pish to be vestery men: And wheras also by the said order the said pishon̄s by theere gen̄all assent and consent did geve vnto vs by the names of vesterymen full power and authority to examyne, heere, order and determyne any matter or cause that we shall fynd to be amysse, and out of order in this pish of Stepney aforesaide, touching the churchduties and other thinges needefull and necessary to be reformed for the better goũnment and mayntenãnce as well of the said pishchurch as also for the reforming of evell disposed contencious and disorderous people in the pish aforesaid: And further wheras the said pishon̄s by their said order, gen̄all assent and consent aforesayd haue for themselues and the residue of the said pishon̄s bound them selues from tyme to tyme to ratifie and confirm all and eũy such order and orders as in o^r discretions vpon examynacõn and hearing any of the causes aforesayd wee shall order and determyne shall cause the same to be entred into this book of orders, as an order by us so made and established. Now know yee that we the sayd vestery men: so named,

elected and chosen by the said pishoñs with like assent, consent, and agreement, doe by theis p̃ntes bynd vs and eũy of vs to obey, confirme ratify and allow from tyme to tyme all and every such order and orders as by vs or any twelve of vs whereof two at the least to be of eũy of the said foure hamlettes together wth the churchwardens of the said pish or any two of them shalbe made established and determyned to be an order and entred in this booke. In witness whereof we the said vesterymen haue herevnto put our handes the Tenth day of february 1598 in thone and fortith yere of the raigne of our soueraigne lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England ffrannce and Ireland, Queene, defender of the faith

EDWARD MUNS, Vic:[1]	p JEAMES WOODCOT
BEN: LANY	H BRADLEY
JOHN VASSALL	NIC^o^ DIGGENS
THOMAS JONES	p WILLI^m^ BROWNE
THOMAS HARDYNG	DENNES WEST
Mr JHON BURRELS marke	

THE xth day of ffebruary 1598 at an assembly of the vestery men: Then and there it was agreed emongst them as followeth

1 FIRST that the great bell be forthw^th^ new cast, and that eũy pishoner w^th^in the same shall gyve towardes the same one yeres pew rent over and besides their q̃rters rent now due: And eũy pishioner that hath no pew appointed for him or her shall pay viij^d^ according to thauncient custome of this pish over and besides his or her quarterly duties now or hereafter due and payable.

[1] Edward Muns, Vicar of Stepney, Rector of East Barnet, and sub-almoner to Queen Elizabeth, was baptized at St. Andrew Hubbard's October 28, 1568, educated at St. Paul's School and at Peterhouse, Cambridge, where he was an exhibitioner in 1589, and proceeded B.A. in 1587 and M.A. in 1591. He married (by license of April 13, 1599), at St. Olave's, Hart Street, Anne (b. 1578), d. of Nicholas Barrey, fishmonger, and his son Edward was baptized upon the same day on which the father was buried, May 10, 1603. He was a brother of Thomas Mun, a leading director of the E.I.C., and distinguished writer on economic subjects.—Information from A. L. Hardy, Esq. Stepney Registers.

2 Item, that three new bookes of parchment be forthwth bought to register all marriages Christeninges & burialls that haue bin wthin the said pish since the first yere of hir ma^{ts} raigne that now is hitherto (if there be so long reg^{r}) and so to be contynued in like sort.[1]

3 Item, that eũy pishoner that sitteth in one pew together shall pay like yerely rent or else thoffenders in that case to be dealt wthall vpon refusall as ye Churchwardens in their discrecõn shall thinke fytt, and the law therein pmitt.

4 Item, that there be made about the communion table a raile wth a foote pace and mattes thereon to kneele vpon decent and orderly as other churches haue for the more reverent receyveing of the holy communion

5 Item, that the vestry men doe hereafter wthall conveniency that may be, view effectually the table of orders, as well for ordering of the Sextons fees (wch is thought to be overmuch) as for other thinges therein fitt to be reformed.

6 Item that the said sessment appointed for the new casting of the said great bell shalbe presently collected by the Churchwardens : And in case any shall obstinately refuse to contribute therevnto, then the Churchwardens to deale further wth them as law will pmitt

The xxix of Aprill 1599

1 It was ordered and agreed the day and yere aboue written by Mr Bludder, Mr Tho: Jones, Mr Lany, Mr Vassall, Mr Shewers, Mr Robert Ryckman, Dennys West and the iiij^{or} Churchwardens All present in the vestery that Laurence Wright of Hownsditch in the pish of St Buttolphes wthout Algate, london, Belfounder should haue the casting of the great Bell called the fyft bell and for the casting thereof to haue 40^{li} (viz) 10^{li} at the taking of her downe, and carrying her away, & at the hanging of her vp after new casting

[1] These are the present first volumes of Registers ; the records, however, do not go back to the beginning of Queen Elizabeth's reign, but only to 1568.

10li more, and the residue of the said some at thend of vj monethes after the hanging and to be bound wth an able surety in certaine Articles indeñ for the pforming thereof as shalbe devised.

2 Also it was by thaforenamed vestry men and the said Churchwardens then and there further agreed, that Wm Pratt shall haue 10li to enter & wryte into the three prchment bookes appointed for the Church Regr of all the burrialls, marriages and Christeninges for 30 yeres past and to be paid as followeth (viz) vli in hand; 50s at Christmas now next ensuing and the other 50s at the full ending and writing of all the regr as afore is menc̃oned.

And for so much as by Law we cannot set downe any order for the stablishment & gouermt of or Church wthout the consent & allowannce of or ordinary wee therefore doe humbly beseech him That he wilbe pleased to ratify & allow the orders before specified & the proceedings therevppon wth his subscription to the same

I Thomas Ridley comissary to the reuerend father in god Richard, by gods permission now bishop of London hauing read & considered of the aforesaid orders set downe by the parishners of Stepney & finding they doe tend only to the good gouerment and prouision of such things as are necessary for theire church & do nothing impeach the iurisdiction of the ordinary herein do by this my hand writing, ratifie, & confirme the same according to their request in this behalf to me made. 22 Maij 1600

THOMAS RIDLEY

1600

IN THE CHURCH HOWSE The third day of June 1600: it was ordered and there agreed by Mr Vicar and the vesterymen herevnder named there being; that Willim̃ Lancaster for Mile

end and Bednall greene: and Johnn Godfry in the place of Edward Bennett for Popler, shall contynue & remayne Churchwardens: for one yere following: the feast day of Thassenc̄on of o[r] sauioure Christ past before the date hereof. And also henry Pickes for Ratcliff: and M[r] Thomas White for Lymehowse, to serue churchwardens for twoo yeres next and imeadiatly ensuing the said feast daie of Thassenc̄on of o[r] sauioure Christ, and eꝟy of them to collect all such duties in theire seuerall hamlettes as shall apptaine vnto the Church and thereof to make an accompt as hath bin accustomed

Sidemen nomynated and elected to serve wth thaforenamed church wardens (viz)

for Ratcliff	Henry Merritt
Lymehowse	Lewes Tayte
Popler	Edward Browne[1]
Milend and Bednallgreene	Thomas Pelsonn

Awditers named and appointed to take vew & examyne; the churchwardens accompt for the yere ended in Ao 1600 viz

for Ratcliff	Mr Thomas Jones Mr Harding
Lymehowse	Mr March Mr Diggens
Popler	Mr Bradley Dennys West
Milend and Bednall greene	Mr Lany, if he cannot Mr Lyons Mr Houghton

The xviij[th] day of July Anno 1600

At a vesterie houlden the day and yere aboue written: It was then and there ordered by vs the pishoners vestery men herevnder named, That the sexton shall not at anie tyme

[1] Erased, and John Hancock inserted probably later.

hereafter ring any peales wth the Bells of the pish church of Stepney or suffer any to ring wthout the consent of the Churchwardens of this Parrish or any twoo of them, first had & obtayned vpon payne of such displeasure doing the contrary as to the vesterie men in that behalf shall thinck good Witnes vnder o^{r} hands the day and yere abouewritten as aforesaid

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1601

In the Church howse this xxvijth of August 1601 It is ordered and agreed by the pishoners therebeing herevnder named, That Mr Thomas White for Lymehowse and Henry Picks for Ratcliff shall remayne Churchwardens for one whole yere following the ffeast day of Thassenc̃on of o^{r} Lord and savioure Christ last past before the date aboue written: And also Mr Williamson for Popler, and Christopher Pate for Mile end and Bednall greene to serue Churchwardens for two yeres, to be accompted from thaforesaid ffeast day of thassenc̃on of o^{r} Sauioure Christ: And eũy of them to collect all such duties in theire seũall hamlettes as shall apptayne vnto the Church, and thereof to make accompt as hath bin vsed and accustomed

RICHARD MARCHE	I B (i.e., *John Burrell*)
p me Wm JONES	NICHOLAS DIGGENS
JOHN GARDYNER	H BRADLEY
THOMAS GARDYNER	WILL' BROWNE
JOHN VASSALL	p me Wm BYGATT
THOMAS ANDROWES	

For as much as the Church is indebted in seuerall somes of mony vnto diũs psons: By reason that many pishoners haue not paid the sessment taxed for the new casting of the great bell: And whereas since the casting of the said great bell: The fourth bell is become broken to the further chardge of the pishoners of this pish: And

where also at this instaunt many parrishone^rs (of whome some are Auncient & of Long contynuaunce) are w^thout place, to the great vexac̃on lett and interrupc̃on of the Churchwardens in the collecting of the duties and proffittes ꝑtaining to the church; W^ch they or the most ꝑt of them doe refuse to pay: Therefore, that the said debt owing by the church may be the sooner and better paid, And for the defraying of the chardge for the new casting of the said fourth bell now broken as aforesaid: And also for new making of a gallery intended to be made in the Parrishchurch of Stepney whereof some ꝑt is already begun, And for the defending and prosecuting of matte^rs in Law: Wee the vesterymen herevnder named doe order and agree this xxvij^th of August 1601: as followeth (viz)

ffirst, that inconsiderac̃on of the chardg aforesaid, every ꝑshon̄ that is placed in a pew shall geve one whole yeres pew mony franckly at one payment, according to the rate of his pew, Ouer and besids his quartridge now or hereafꝯ to be due; And other that haue no pew to pay viij^d besides there quartridge as aforesaide, To be collected by the churchwardens in their seuerall hamletts, and such as shall refuse to contribute, contrary to this order, to deale wth them as the churchwardens in theire discreac̃on shall thinck fitt, and the law will ꝑmitt

Item that the fourth bell now broken shalbe new cast and the churchwardens to deale circumspectly for the ꝑforming thereof

Item that the gallery appointed to be made by the churchwardens that now are shall proceede according to the composic̃on by them agreed for.

Item that the churchwardens that now are and theire successo^rs shall deliꝯ vnto Stephen Houghton, ffranncis Snow, William Pratt & John Belman sometyme churchwardens of this ꝑsh: such some and somes of mony as they or any of them from tyme to tyme shall haue cause to vse, for the

defending & prosecuting of a sute comenced by James Tailer & Margaret his wife against the said Stephenn Houghton, ffrauncis Snow, Wm Pratt & John Belman for matter's vndertaken by them when they were churchwardens in the behalfe of the pish: Prouided alwaies, that the Churchwardens that now are, shall doe theire indevoure to collect the Arrer for the bell & pews remayning on their accompts, and those that shall refuse to pay, to deale wth them by order of Law

JOHN TOMSON[1]	WILL BROWNE
RI: MARCHE	H BRADLEY
p me Wm JONES	ANTHONY WILLIAMSON
THOMAS ANDROWES	STEPHEN HOUGHTON
Wm COMYNS	JEAMES WOODCOT

The xxvijth of August 1601

Jt is ordered by the vesterymen of this pish that ffranncis Whitacres sexton shalbe put out of his place for his misdemeanor's following (viz)

ffirst that the said ffranncis Whitacres did bidd ffranncis Snow shake his eares emonng dogges when the said franncis Snow was churchwarden

Item the said sexton did say vnto the Clark, now let vs take or bennefitt, and make what we can, for else wee shall dye begger's

Item for taking in of a bell and deliring the same bell out of the steeple wthout the consent of the churchwardens & pishoners, wch was chardgeable to the pish

Item for making composicon wth dirs & sundry pishoner's for the duties of the church to the hinderannce & great damage of the bennefitt of the church & pishoner's

Item for the great chardg, that the said sexton hath put the pishoner's vnto by his negligence for not looking dutifully vnto the bells

[1] "John Thomson Curate & preacher of god's word here" died of the plague and was buried Sept. 11, 1603.

Item that the churchwardens shall not from hencefoorth pay vnto the said sexton any more wages or take any church duties

Item that the said sexton hath not put in bond, for the dischardge of the pish by the chardge of his children that is like to ensue & wch he promised to doe at his first coming, and also for his good demeanor in his place

RICHARD MARCHE	THOMAS ANDROWES
p me Wm JONES	H BRADLEY
p me Wm BIGATT	NIC^{o} DIGGENS
JOHN GARDYNER	WILL' BROWNE
THOMAS HARDYNG	THOMAS WHYTE
JOHN VASSALL	DENNES WEST
JOHNN BURRELL p signū	HENRY PICKES
THOMAS MILTON p signū	JOHN GODFRY p signū

The xth of September 1601

It is ordered and agreed by the vesterymen herevnder named that Edmonnd Purser is admitted sexton of the pish of Stepney and shall haue such wages and duties as vsually hath bin paid vnto the sexton, and also that ffranncis Whitacres late sexton shalbe utterly dismissed and shall haue no duties hereafter paid him, nor meddle any further for the Church or pish

It is further ordered that Mr John Thompsonn Curat shall haue the middle chamber belonging to the church freely (wthout rent)

RICHARD MARCHE	JEAMES WOODCOT
p me Wm JONES	NIC^{o} DIGGENS
JOHN VASSALL	H BRADLEY
ANTHONY WILLIAMSON	THOMAS ANDROWES
the mark of WILL^{m} COMENES	WILL' BROWNE

The xiij of May 1602 being thassenc̃on day of o^{r} sauior Christ

It is ordered and agreed by the vicar and pishon̄s in the Churchhowse assembled and herevnder named that Antony Williamson for Popler and xp̃ofer Pate for Mile end wth Bednallgreene shall abide and Contynue churchwardens for one yere following and Alexander Dauison for Ratcliff and Edward Stevens for Lyme howse are also appointed Church wardens for two yeres following from day and yere to be accompted, And eũy of them to collect and be accomptable for all such duties as they and eũy of them shall rec̃ in theire seũall hamlett witness vnder o^{r} hands

Sidemen appointed & elected to serue wth thaforenamed in the seuerall hamletts

for Ratcliff	Joseph Page
for Lymehowse	John Cant
for Popler	Robert Mason
for Mile end & bednall grene	Thomas Pelsonn

It is also agreed & ordered that Richard Wilde for the paim^{t} of xx^{s} is discharged & acquited of all such some of mony that he did owe vnto the pishon̄s of Stepney when he was Churchwarden of Popler

EDWARD MUNS Vicar	WILL^{m} BROWNE
THOMAS JONES	DENNES WEST
JOHN GARDYNER	Wm LANCASTERS m̄k
H BRADLEY	

The vijth day of Nouember 1602

At a vestery houlden the day and yere abouewritten, by the vicar and vestrymen of this Parrish herevnder named: It is ordered, concluded and agreed by them: That eũy pishoner wch for his or her buriall Or for the buriall of his or her child or servñt, shall haue cause to vse any forenoone or afternoones knill of the Bells of this pish, and the Ringing of

all the bells called a Peale, And also the best and wourst clothes appointed for burialls shall pay to the prop vse of this pish as followeth videt̃

ffor the great bell	x^{s}
ffor the iiijth bell	vj^{s} viij^{d}
ffor the third bell	v^{s}
ffor the seconnd bell	iij^{s} iiij^{d}
ffor the first bell	xx^{d}
for the Ringing of all the bells called a Peale. To the prop vse of the Parrish wthout any allowannce or payment to ringers	xv^{s}
ffor the best cloth	ij^{s} vj^{d}
for the wourst cloth	ij^{s}

It is ordered and agreed that eꝗy pson and psons, That hereafter that shalbe taken offending in this Parrish, for stretching of clothes contrary to the Statute in that behalfe made, shall pay his & theire forfeyture in kinde as it shalbe taken, according to the true intent and meaning of thaforesaid Statutes in that case lymitted

Item it is agreed that Mr Diggens and Mr Androes shall assist and companie Mr Stevens churchwarden for Lymehowse in the collecting of th'arrerages, charged in his collection booke, And also to admonish those inhabitannts that shall appere in arrerage foorthwth to pay the same vnto the said churchwarden, and such as shall refuse to pay, being so admonished; The said Churchwarden to present[1] them wthout delay for the better recoꝗy thereof

Item it is ordered and agreed. That for the better looking vnto the aforesaid bells, and for the saueing of the great chardge, that through want of skill in the well looking and ordering of them, the pishon̄s of this pish is put vnto: That one Edward Parberry cobler shall haue the looking vnto and

[1] That is, bring before the Ecclesiastical Authorities for sentence.

ordering of the said bells: And for his wages in that behalf: he the said Edward Parberry shall haue paide him by the churchwardens of this pish fforty shillinges yerely, and also shall haue for his dwelling or to woork in, the shop adioyning vpon the church howse in the church yard of this pish wthout paying any rent for the same, So long as he shall well behaue him self vnto the vicar, Churchwardens and pishons of this pish: And shall be diligent in the executing of his said place: The first quarterly payment for his wages to begin at Xpmas next

WILL^{m} RIDER
THOMAS JONES
p me Wm JONES
JOHN GARDYNER
WILLIAM BYGATT
p NIC^{o} DIGGENS
THOMAS ANDROWES
JOHN VASSALL
H BRADLEY

EDWARD MUNS Vicar
WILLIAM LANCASTERS marke
p me ANTHONY WILLIAMSON Churchewardin
CHRISTOPHER PATE Churchwardin.
HENRY MARRYT

The xiijth day of Nouember 1602

At a vestery houlden the day and yere aboue written by the vicar and vestrymen herevnder named, It is agreed and ordered, that the Churchwardens that now are and hereafter shalbee, shall doe theire best, to collect the arrerages now due in theire books, And such as shall remayne vnpaid, to shew how they haue psented them, Otherwise the said churchwardens shalbe charged to pay those Arrerages as shall remayne so vnpaid, and not psented by them or any of them

Item that the Churchwardens that now are Or hereafter shalbe, shall not at any tyme hereafter at their seuerall meetings aboute psentm^{ts} spend for their dynne^{rs} at any one tyme aboue vj^{s} viij^{d}, The Coronacon day excepted, and then if neede shalbee to spend x^{s}, and to the Ringers the same day for theire paynes xiij^{s} iiij^{d}.

The day and yere last on thother side written.

Item. it is ordered and agreed: That the Churchwardens that now are, shall defend and annswere to the sute comenced by Arnold James against Henry Pickes for the bounds of this pish vsed in the pambulacon: At the chardge out of the Church mony.

Item it is ordered and agreed, That the churchwardens, shall collect of the pishoners of this pish, for the better dischardge and payment of debts owing by the church, and defraying and bearing of other chardges: One half yeres pew mony freely of ery one that hath pewes, or and besydes his or her quarteridg And such as haue no pewes or seats to pay as heretofore hath bin accustomed: And such as will not pay or refuse payment to psent them for the better recory thereof

Item, that the churchwardens that now are and hereafter shalbe shall from hencefoorth, Collect in their seurall hamlettes quarterly the pew mony then due w^th^out delaying of any longer tyme, And such as shall not be at home at theire coming, to collect the same in the church at theire pewes

Item, it is further ordered and agreed, That where the vestery men haue bin negligent in theire coming to meetings about matte^r^s concerning the pish: It is now ordered and agreed, That if the vesterymen vpon warning geven vnto them in the Church or at theire howses for meeting in the vestery about matters and causes of the Parrish: shall hereafter be Remyse and slack in so meeting, being in health and at home, whereby a full vestery cannot be according to the order for Vesterymen before agreed vpon: Then euery one so defaulting, shall for his absence pay to the vse of the poore of this pish xij^d^ to be collected by the Churchwardens or any one of them: And if any shall refuse to pay, defaulting in his absence, Then it shalbe lawfull for the churchwardens for the tyme being to psent before the Ordynarie:

every such vestery pson and psons that shall refuse to pay contrary to this order.

WILL'M RIDER	EDWARD MUNS Vicar
WYLLYAM LANCASTERS marke	THO BLUDDER
	DENNES WEST
p me Wm JONES	p me Wm BYGATT
THOMAS HARDYNG	JEAMES WOODCOT
NIC^{o} DIGGENS	H BRADLEY
EDWARD ELIOT	WILL' BROWNE

The 2 of June beinge Thassension day of o^{r} savio^{r} Christ, A^{o} 1603

It is ordered an agreed by Minister & parishoners in the Churchhouse Assembled And hearevnder named, that Edward Stevens for lymehouse And Henry Marrit for Ratcliff shall Abide & contynew Churchwardens for one whole yeare next following, And that we doe now make choice of William Browne gent for popler And Henry Leeke for myleend & Bednall green are Also appoynted churchwardens for two yeares ffrom day & yeare to be accompted, And every of them to Collect and be acconntable for all such duetyes as they & every of them shall receyve in their severall hamletts, Witness vnder o^{r} hands.

Sidmen appointed & elected to serve wth the afforenamed Churchwardens in the severall Hamletts.

ffor Ratcliffe	Joseph Page
ffor Lymehovse	John Kantt
ffor popler	Robt Mason
ffor Mileend & Bednall grene	Thomas Turpin

JOHN TOMSON Minister	H BRADLEY
BEN: LANY	JEAMES WOODCOT
p me Wm JONS	THOMAS HOG
EDWARD ELIOT	

THE NAMES[1] OF the Vestry men now in place

For Ratclif	for Lymehous
Mr Thomas Jones gent 1	Mr Richard March gent 1
Mr Thomas Milton 5	Mr Willim Joanes[2] 2 *mort*
Mr Willim Burrell[2] 6	Mr Nicholas Diggens 4
Mr William Bigate 4	Mr Thomas Androes[2] 3 *mort*
Mr Willim Higges 3	Mr Robert Rickman 5
Mr Nicholas Symonson 7	Mr Michaell Geere[3] 6
Mr Robert Keale gent 2	Mr Lewes Tighte 7
Mr Thomas Beste	Mr Willim Wye 8
Mr Edward Dalton	John Graves
Roger Gunston	John Clarke 10
Robert Goldinge	

For Mileinde	For Popler
Sr Thomas Bludder, knight 1	Mr Dionis West[2] 4
Mr John Lyon gent 3	Mr William Browne[2] 5 *mort*
Mr Christofer Pate 4	Richard Lawrence[2] 8
Mr Thomas Hogge 6	Ezechiell Crippes 6
Mr Seibrighte esq 2	John Elvins[2] *mort*
Mr John Newett 5	Mr Willimson 3
Mr George Blincoe 7	Mr Ed Abdy 1
Mr Tho Walker 8	Mr Crompton 2
Mr Wm Lancaster[2] 9	Sr Willim Dethicke[2] 5
Sr Stephen Powell[4] 9	Thomas Crowder
Michaell Gisby[2]	Mr Smyth
Henry Barnett	Mr Grynte[2] *gone*
	Mr Allexander Davison

[1] The italics show later insertions. [2] The name was later crossed off.

[3] Sir Michael Geere was knighted at Plymouth September 23, 1625. His pedigree is given in the Visitation of London 1633-35, and he is mentioned as 'Sir Michael Geere, Knight, of Stepney, in the countye of Middlesex, Master of the Trinity House, and one of the Surveyors of the Navy.' He married (August 21, 1587) Alice, daughter of David Bachus, of Stepney (who appears in the Register as Barkhouse), and resided in the fine old mansion on Stepney Green now used as a Jewish Home, where his monogram is still to be seen in the iron-work over the gate. His wife was buried in Stepney, May 17, 1630. —Townsend's Knights; Visitation of London, 1633-35 (Harl. Soc.); Parish Registers.

[4] Sir Stephen Powle, of Essex, was knighted at Theobald's in 1604.—Metcalfe's Book of Knights.

[5] Sir William Dethick, Garter King of Arms, second son of Sir Gilbert Dethick, of Poplar.

1604

At a meetinge holden in the vestry house the xvijth day of ffebruary 1604 yt was agreed by the psons whose names are herevnder subscribed, that the Churchwardens for the tyme beinge shall take into their hands and collect and gather by themselues or their sufficyent deputy or deputyes all the pence heretofore collected for bread and wyne, and comonly called Comunion pence wch pence Mr English[1] had for one yeare last past at the hands of the Churchwardens and Vestry men for the some of ffowre pounds. wch fowre pounds are not yet paid according to his ꝑmise, and therefore all the said vestrymen whose hands are herevnder subscribed as aforesaid, do agree that the said Churchwardens shall take into their hands the said Comunion pence, And shall likewise receaue and take by lawe or other reasonable Course of Mr English the said some of fowre pounds due for the last yeare as aforesaid. In witnes whereof we haue herevnto subscribed o^{r} names & hand marks, the day & yeare abouesaid.

JOHN HAIWARD parson[2] THOMAS BEST
W. TEMPLE DENNES WEST

The Dethicks were said to have been of Dutch extraction, and were granted by Henry VIII. the old manor-house with an acre of land in Poplar, where they resided for nearly two centuries. Sir William Dethick was born in 1543. After holding the offices of Rouge Croix Pursuivant and York Herald, he was appointed Garter, and on May 13, 1603, was knighted by James I. In pursuit of his dignified office he took part in several missions to foreign princes, and in numerous imposing ceremonials. He was a learned antiquary, and the author of several heraldic works; but was, however, a man of such ungovernable temper that he was most cordially detested by everyone, and was twice suspended from his duties by the Crown. He resigned his office about 1604-5, and retired on an annuity of £200 per annum. He died in 1612, and was buried in St. Paul's Cathedral. His wife Thomasine (only daughter of Robert Young, citizen and fishmonger) survived him about twenty years; her funeral took place in Stepney July 18, 1633, but her remains were 'carried to London to be buried.'—Noble's Hist. Coll. of Heralds; Nat. Dict. Biog.; Parish Registers.

[1] David English, Vicar of Stepney, admitted August 22, 1603. A David English, most probably the same, matriculated at St. Mary's Hall, Oxford, August 24, 1582, aged 15; he is described as 'filius generosus, of Sussex.' Newcourt speaks of a David English 'Licentiat to St. Katherine Cree,' April 12, 1597. His quarrel with the Vestry seems to have been a serious one, as it called for the intervention of the rector.—Clark's Register of Oxford University; Newcourt Repert.

[2] John Haiward, Rector of Stepney and of St. Mary, Woolchurch, preached at Paul's Cross on the death of Queen Elizabeth. He died early in 1618.—Newcourt Repert.; Strype's Whitgift, ii., p. 468.

ANTHONY WILLIAMSON	FFRANCS SNOWE
JEAMES WOODCOT	RICHARD BROWNE
NIC° DIGGENS	NIC COX
WILLIAM BURRELL	WILL' BROWNE
GEORGE GRENTT	WILL' LANCASTER
WILLIM COMYNS	JOHN THOMAS

At a meetinge holden the 3 daie of March 1604. The want of vestrymen beinge founde by the pishioners in the vestry house assembled, for the fulfillinge of the number of the forty beinge ellected vestrymen for to sett downe and reforme such matters as are amiss w^th^in this pish of Stepney, accordinge to a former order set downe in this booke: We therefore haue by a generall assent and consent elected and chosen theis psons whose names are herevnder written for vestrymen, to fullfill the said Number of fforty psons as aforesaid. In witnes whereof we haue herevnto subscribed our names the day and yeare first aboue written[1]

For Ratclif		For Lymehouse
Mr Wm Higges		Mychaell Geere
Mr Robert Keale		Mr William Wye
Mr William Temple		Lewes Tayte
Nichs Symonson		Mychaell Hamp[2]
Edw: daulton		ffrancs Snowe[2]
for Popler		**for Myleind and Bednalgrene**
Mr Edward Elliott[2]	*mort*	Mr Seibright
Thomas Hardcastle[2]	*mort*	Mr John Newett
Richard Browne[2]		Thomas Walker
Mr Edmond Abdy		George Blinckoe
Mr Thomas Crompton		William Lancaster[2]
		John Gregory[2]

Whereas so many in euery hamlett did want some by death and some by depture, as are heare elected and sett downe, we

[1] The italics show later insertions. [2] The name was later erased.

haue for our ptes ellected theis foresaid psons to fullfill the number.

THOMAS JONES	THOMAS MYLTON, Churchwarden
WILLIAM BYGATT	
RICHARDE MARCHE	STEPHEN HOWGHTON
ANTHONY WILLIAMSON	JOHN ELVINS
WILLIAM COMYNS	WILL[i] BROWNE } Churchwardens
JOSEPH PETT	WM LANCASTER } Churchwardens

1604

At a vestry called by Mr David English the 3 day of March and holden in the vestry house the said day, wee the parsons whose names are herevnder subscribed beinge vestrymen togither wth the Churchwardens, haue (for the maintennance of bread and wyne for the Communions in the whole yeare, and for therelief of the poore wch do daily encrease in number,) agreed and appointed the Churchwardens or some other pson or psons by them thought fitt and to be appointed, for to collect and gather the pence comonly called Comunion pence heretofore allowed and gathered for the foresaid vses, for this yeare next ensueinge: And In witnes wee haue herevnto sett our hands the day and yeare abouesaid

W. TEMPLE	RO. KAYLL
RICHARDE MARCHE	WILLIAM BYGATT
JOSEPH PETT	ANTHONY WILLIAMSON
MIGHELLE GEERE	WILL' COMENES
STEPHEN HOWGHTON	WILLIAM BURRELL
MYHELL HAMP	THOM'S MILTON
NICHO: SYMONSON	WILL' BROWNE } Churchwardens
NIC[o] DIGGENS	WILL' LANCASTER } Churchwardens
Wm JONES	JOHN THOMAS } Churchwardens
THOMAS JONES	JEAMES WOODCOT

1610[1]

The 7th daie of July A° dñi miltimo sexcentmo decimo

Whereas Margret Browne of Lymehous widowe deceassed gaue the some of Twenty pounds to the vse of the poore of the pish of Stepneigh, to witt xli of yt to Lymehous, and ten pounds to the other three hamletts: So yt is that Thomas Read & Thomas Richardson executors to the said Margret Browne haue paied and dischardged the same xxli into the hands of the Churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the same pish, as by the acquittances of the said Churchwardens and overseers of the seuerall hamlettes is to be shewed, and did appeare. And therefore haue requested that the same might be recorded in some of the Church books for the better remembrance thereof. Wherefore theis are to certify all men that the said ꝑmisses are true and that the said mony was duly and truly paied by the said Executors to the vse of the poore as aforesaid, In Testimony wee haue subscribed our names this daye and yeare aboue written,

WILLIm LANCASTER JOHN CRANE JOHN ELVINS Churchwardens.

The 13 day of ffebruary 1605

At a vestry holden the daie and yeare abouesaid by the Vicar Churchwardens and vestrymen of this pish in Vestry house assembled, It is ordered, concluded & agreed by them: That all and euery pishoner shall pay and allowe vnto the Churchwardens for the tyme beinge who are appointed for the receavinge thereof one yeares pue mony or duty, (besides their ordinary allowance) before Lady day next comeinge for and towards the payment and satisfaccon of certeine debts due by the pish to be paied, amountinge to the value of fiftye pounds and vpwards for the belles to the Bell founder, And that all and euery pson who shall eyther wilfully deny or carelessly neglect the payment thereof to the Churchwardens abouesaid by the tyme before limited and

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appointed, beinge lawfully demaunded of them, must not finde them selues agreved, or be discontented wth the officers appointed to collect the same, if the same be recouered against them by Lawe, and the rather for that the said some of fifty and odd pounds haue bin Longe vnpayed to the bell founder, to the great discreditt of the pish. And it is further concluded the day and yeare abouesaid: that all & euery the said Churchwardens for the tyme beinge shall collect or at least demande all and euery such dutie, and shall further at the chardg of the pish appointe and entertayne one doctor and a proctor to sue and recouer the same by lawe of any pson or psons who shall neglect or refuse the payment thereof, And also that euery Churchwarden shall wthin their seuerall hamlets recover by lawe and make account of euery arrearage wch shalbe founde in any of their books, for any yeare or tyme past. And that the said wardens shall bring in an accounte of the said mony so to be collected at or before Easter next at the furthest, as also a not of the names of those wch shall be behinde wth their said paymt to thende the Lawe may proceed against them for the recoũy thereof

THO BLUDDER
MATHEU WOODCOTT
HUMFREY LOWFFIELLD
RICHARD BROWNE
THOMAS JONES
p me Wm JONES
p me JOHN GARDYNER
p me Wm BYGATT
WILLIAM BURRELL

GEORGE GOWLDMAN[1]
Vicar of Stepneye
p me ANT WILLIAMSON
NICo DIGGENS
WILL'M COMYNS
DENNES WEST
WILLM' BROWNE
THOMAS WALKER

[1] George Gouldman, or Gowldman, admitted Vicar of Stepney August, 1605, succeeded Samuel Harsnett as Archdeacon of Essex, November 8, 1609, and was admitted Rector of South Ockendon, Essex, on January 7, 1611, all of which posts he vacated by his death in January, 163¾. He appears to have been succeeded in South Ockendon by a relative, probably his son, Francis Gouldman the lexicographer. He was not buried in the church at Cheshunt in Hertfordshire, as Wood asserts, but, as he desired, in the church of South Ockendon, on January 6, 1633-34.—Wood's Ath. Oxon.; Nat. Dict. Biog. (under Francis Gouldman); Newcourt Repert.

The 13 of ffebruary 1605

Whereas some controuersies haue heretofore arisen betwene the vicar and the pish *namely Mr English*[1] and that the same controuersies haue bine thought very inconvenient, and furthermore forsomuch as Mr Gouldmā now vicar being a quiet man, the Churchwardens & vestry men being assembled in the vestry house the daie and yeare abouesaid, have giuen their full assent & consent that Mr Gouldman aforesaid shall haue the Pence wch heretofore haue bine called by the name of Paschall Pence dureing his naturall life for the yearely rent of ffowre poundes of lawfull money of England, And the said Mr Gouldman in Liewe thereof is contented to pay vnto the Churchwardens yearely wthin one moneth next after Easter, the sōme of ffowre pounds of lawfull mony of England: and shall & will likewise at his owne prop chardges finde & allowe so long as he shall be vicar of Stepney as aforsayd vsed all the wyne and bread wch yearely or at any time shalbe due and necessary for the Comunions in euery yeare. Except any private psons shall request an extraordinary Comunion at an extraordinary tyme, as when they go to sea or otherwise, for wch at their owne prop chardges they are to fynd bread & wyne.

GEORGE GOWLDMAN	NICHO DIGGENS
Viccar of Stepneye	WILLIAM BURRELL
THO: BLUDDER	WILL COMYNS marke.
THOMAS JONES	MATHEW WOODCOTT
p me Wm JONES	HUMFRY LOWFIELLD
p me Wm BYGATT	RICHARD BROWNE
p me JOHN GARDYNER	WILLm BROWNE
p me ANTHONY WILLIAMSON	DENNES WEST
	THOMAS WALKER

The xiijth of ffebruary 1605

At a vestrie holden the daie and yeare aboue said, yt was at the instant request of Mr George Goldman vicar, graunted

[1] The words in italics are crossed out.

and agreed by the Churchwardens and Vestry men in the vestry house then and there assembled, that Mr John Harvy the curate should haue the Chamber ouer the Church house, wch sometymes of their owne accorde was graunted by them vnto John Tomson then Curate of the same place, To hold vnto him the said Mr John Harvy curate dureinge the tyme of his service here in the pish as curate, for the yearely rent of x^{s} to be paied to ye Churchwardens yearely to the vse of the poore of the pish. And forasmuch as John Brockbanke Clarke was by vertue of this graunte thereof dispossessed : yt was there concluded and agreed that he should haue the roome wherein Widow Heathly now is, to enlardge his dwellinge, so soone as the saide widowe was thereof dispossessed : And yt was also then and there furthe^{r} agreed and concluded that the said John Brockbancke should haue the yearly some of fforty shillings allowed and paied vnto him by the Churchwardens for the keepinge of the church books and registringe the Church wardens accounts yearely as Mr Pratt had for the same. This order and agreement was made the said day and yeare by Mr Gouldman, vicar, the Church wardens and vestry men aforesaid, whose names are hereunto subscribed[1]

The 25 of Aprill 1606

In the Vestry house the 25 of Aprill 1606. It was ordered and there Agreed by Mr Vicar and the vestry men there beinge, that from the ffeast day of Thassension of o^{r} savio^{r} Christ next comeinge after the date hereof for the space of one whole yeare next comeinge, Humfry Lowfield for Myleind wth bednallgrene, Richard browne for Popler, Michaell Hamp for Lymehouse and for Ratclif Walter Shewers, shall be Churchwardens for the pish of Stepney ; and shall collect and gather all such dutyes wthin their seuerall hamletts, as

[1] The names, were, however, *not* subscribed, though space is left for them.

shall appteine vnto the Church: and thereof to make an account as hath bin acustomed

ffrancs Snowe hired by Mr Hamp for Lymehouse.
John Crane hired by Mr Shewers for Ratclif.

Sydemen nominated and appointed to serve wth the foresaid Churchwardens for one whole yeare from thassention day next cominge vizt.

William Cattell for Ratclif
Richard Phillips for Lymehous.
Thomas Allen for Myleind & bednalgrene
Henry Reignolds for Popler.

Whereas heretofore diuers obiections haue bine made against the Collecc̄on and distribuc̄on of monyes in the Church: It is therefore ordered and agreed by Mr Gouldman Vicar of stepney and the Vestry men there assembled the 25 of Aprill 1606. That all such monies as are giuen or hereafter shall be giuen by Legacyes to the vse of the poore, and all generall collecc̄ons at the Church doores or at the Comunion table shall be reserued in a box to be provided wth Lock and five Keyes: one to remayne in the hands of the Vicar, and the other 4 Keyes in the hands of the 4 Churchwardens.[1] and the same box to be kept in the Chest in the vestrye and the monyes not to be disposed of wthout the assent and consent of the vicar all the foure Churchwardens wth one Vestry man more at the Least of euery hamlet: and likewise that two books be provided and kept in the same Chest, one for the settinge downe of the Collecc̄ons and thother to write in the distribuc̄ons of the said monyes so to be distributed.

GEORGE GOWLDMAN Vicca^{r}	THOMAS ANDROES
RO KAYLL	JEAMES WOODCOTT
JOHN GARDYNER	WILL^{m} WYE
p me ANTHON WILLIAMSON	GEORGE BLYNCO
MATHEW WOODCOTT	WILL' BROWNE

[1] See the LXXXIVth Canon.

THO: MILTŌ	MYCHAELL HAMPE
HUMFRY LOWFIELD	WILL' LANCASTER
RICHARD BROWNE	DENNES WEST
p me Wm BYGATT	JOHN ELVINS
p me Wm JONES	RICHARD LAWRENCE

6th Aprill 1607

In the vestry house at a vestry holden there, the 6 day of Aprill in Anno dñi 1607 for the Electinge of Churchwardens and sidemen according to the Canon in that case provided: yt is ordered and agreed in manner and forme followinge, That ys, that Walter Shewers of Ratclif or his sufficyent deputy shall serue for Churchwarden for the hamlet of Ratclif: Thomas Hogge of Bednalgrene shall serue for Churchwarden for the hamletts of Mileind and Bednalgrene, Richard Lawrence to serue for Churchwarden for the hamlett of Popler, and Michaell Hamp for the hamlett of Lymehowse, at wch vestry yt was agreed that John Crayne shold remayne deputy Churchwarden for Walter Shewers, and ffrancs Snowe deputy Churchwarden for Michael Hamp:

It is agreed the daie and yeare abouesaid, that Henry Reignolds serue for Sideman for the hamlet of Popler, Richard Phillips sideman for Lymehous, Henry Barnet for Bednalgrene: and William Cattell for Ratcliff: And that all and euery the same foresaid Officers shall continue in their seuerall offices for the space of one yeare next ensueinge the date aforesaid.

It is agreed that the vestry shall meet againe about certen busines vpon Thursday the 16 of Aprill 1607

The 9th of Aprill 1610

At a vestry holden in the Church house the 9th day of Aprill beinge Monday in Easter weeke, it is decreed and Concluded by the right worp̄full and others, Mr Docto^{r}

Goldman Vicar, and the Vestrymen there assembled, That no Churchwarden now beinge nor hereafter to be elected for the place of Churchwarden for the tyme being shall Lay out vpon any Church busines aboue the some of Twenty shillings, wthout the consent and allowance of two Vestrymen of each hamlett at the least, first had and obteined in writinge vnder their hands, But yf they or any of them shall psume to lay out any monyes aboue the said some of xx^{s}, That he shall beare and pay yt out of their owne purse chardges and allowance.

It is also further ordered and agreed by and amongst the said Mr. Vicar and Vestrymen aforesaid the same 9th day of Aprill A^{o} pred, that the Churchwardens wch now are, nor the Churchwardens wch hereafter shalbe elected for the tyme being, shall, not at any tyme hereafter in the weeke called Rogacon weeke for the three dayes wch they walk the pambulacon, expende vpon their dynners in those three dayes, aboue the some of fowre pounds, But if they or any of them shall dispend or lay out aboue the said some of ffowre pounds, yt shalbe at his own prop costes and chardges and out of his or their own purse

It is also further agreed at the same vestry by the foresaid Mr Vicar and Vestrymen then and there assembled, that any the Churchwardens now being and hereafter to be elected, shall not at the makeinge and caryinge in of any their billes of psentment into Powleschaine office called quarter billes which are to be made psented and caried in, twyce in the yeare as by the Canon[1] may appeare and is comanded and appointed. Lay out expende or disburse for their dynners or meetings not above the some of six shillings and eight pence at a tyme, that is to witt xiij^{s} and iiij^{d} in the yeare, But if they or any of them shall lay out above the said some at the same two seuerall tymes, yt shalbe their owne chardge, and not the pishes chardge.

[1] See Canons CIX. to CXIX., on 'Presentments.'

It is also further ordered and decreed by the said Mr Vicar and vestrymen at the vestry there assembled, That the Churchwardens for the tyme beinge or those Churchwardens wch shalbe ellected shall not at any Visitacon to be holden by the Lord Bishopp of London hereafter shall not disburse expend or lay out vpon Drinckinge or their dynners aboue the some of xx^{s} but if they or any of them lay out any more mony for their dynners, visitacon chardges as for othes, writing or any other chardges about the same visitacon, they shall beare yt of themselues at their owne prop costs and chardges.

GEORGE GOWLDMAN Vicca^{r}	THOMAS ANDROWES	
	EZECHIELL CRIPPES (*mark*)	
THO: BLUDDER.	THOMAS RICHARDSON (*mark*)	Churchwardens
THOMAS JONES	JOHN CRANE	
RO: KAYLL	Wm LANCASTER[1]	
WILLIAM BYGATT	JOHN ELVINS	
JOHN LYONS		

26th Marche 1611

At a vestry holden in the vestry house the six and twentith day of March Aõ dñi one thowsand six hundred and Aleaven for the chusing of Church officers beinge Easter weeke, accordinge to the Canon in that case provided. were chosen officers by a generall consent theis psons whose names are herevnder set downe, vizt.

Churchwardens

Mr Thomas Joanes for Ratclif being allowed his deputy John Crane

Mr Richard March for Lymehous being allowed his deputy, Richard Phillips

Ezechiell Crips for Popler, his deputy William Allen

Michaell Gizby for Myleind and Bednalgrene

[1] William Lancaster, Churchwarden and Constable, here appears for the last time; he died during his second year of office, and was buried September 29, 1610.—Stepney Registers.

At the same vestry it was ordered and agreed by generall consent that what Churchwarden soeuer shall haue his deputy allowed him: shall be answerable and accountable for all such matters as their deputy shall deale for concerninge the Church for the collectinge or receipt of any mony wch shall come to their hands. And this order to be continued for ever wthin this pish

Sidemen

Richard Hawkins for Ratclif
Robert Markham for Lymehous.
(*Wm Baylie erased*)
Christopher Jerrome for Popler.
Nichs Vere for Mileinde & Bednalgrene.

GEO GOWLDMAN Vicca[r]		p me Wm JONES
THOMAS JONES		THOMAS ANDROWES
Ro: KAYLL		EZECHIELL CRIPS (*mark*)
RICHARD MARCHE		THOMAS HOG
JOHN LYONS	Churchwardes	JOHN ELVINS
p me ANT. WILLIAMSON		RICHARD PHILLIPS (*mark*)
		JOHN CRANE
		JOHN WARREN

Audito[rs] for the auditing of M[r] Richardsons accounte for the yeares as followeth, vizt 1608 & 1609

Mr William Jones
Mr Thomas Androes
Mr Richard March
for Lymehous. and for the recept of the monyes resting in his hande and to giue him a discharg vnder their hands

Audito[rs] for Popler for the Churchwardens accounte there
Mr Anthony Williamson. Mr Alexander Davison.

Audito[rs] for Ratclif for the Churchwardens accounte there.
Mr Willim Bigate. Mr Dalton.

Audito[rs] for Mileind and bednalgrene for the Churchwardens accounte there.
Mr John Lyons Henry Barnett

At a vestry holden the eighteenth day of July Aõ dñi 1611 in the Vestry house, It was ordered by vs the vicar and Churchwardens wth other Vestrymen whose names are subscribed, That whereas an order was formerly concluded that the Churchwardens, for the tyme beinge shoulde not lay out aboute any Church busines, aboue the sõme of xx^{s} a man, wthout the Consent of the vestrymen therevnto first had and obteined: wherevpon wee the said vicar and vestrymen, beinge here assembled, do giue and graunte full licence and libertye so farre as in vs lieth, vnto the Church wardens elected, and to their deputyes sworne, to lay out and disburse towardes the erectinge and settinge vpp of pewes and seates in the galleryes before the steeple at the nether ende of the Church and other places in the same galleryes comely, and decente, for the ease and benefitt of the Church, the some of ffiftye poundes: And, also for the mendinge, garnishinge and beautifyeinge of the Church Pewes, and seattes in the body of the Church, at their discrecõn, with the consent of some of the vestrymen whose Judgements are thought to be best and fittest for the better instrucõn of the Churchwardens in the same worke, the former order notwthstandinge: In Testimony whereof we haue subscribed o^{r} names the day and yeare first aboue written.

GEORGE GOWLDMAN, vicca^{r}	ANT̃ W^{m}SON
THOMAS JONES	THOMAS ANDROWES[1]
RICHARD MARCHE	THOMAS HOG
ꝑ me Wm JONES	ALEXANDAR DAVISON

At a Vestry holden in the Vestry house, the fowrtenth day of Aprill Aõ Dñi one thowsand six hundred and Twelve,

[1] Thomas Androwes here appears for the last time: he was buried September 25, 1611, and is described in the Register as of Limehouse, gent. (see above, p. 25). He was probably the son of a Thomas Androwes, who in 1521 belonged to St. Olave's, Silver Street, and married Elizabeth Redeknapp, and he was in that case very possibly the elder brother of Bishop Andrewes and Mrs. William Burrell. He was twice married: first to Jane Belson (licence, February 4, 1566); and second, to Alice Wiseman, December 12, 1576.—Stepney Registers; Isaacson's 'Life of Bishop Andrewes'; Visitation of London, 1634, under name of Burrell; Chester's 'Marriage Licences.'

there was allowed for vestrymen to supply the wants and defects of such vestry men as were dead and gone, certeine psons hereafter named, so that the number of Vestrymen beinge full, the names are theis hereafter followinge. to witt[1]

for Ratclif		Lymehous	
Mr George Marshall[2]			
Mr Thomas Jones		Mr Richard March	
Mr Robert Keale		Mr Nicĥs Diggins	*gone*
Mr Willim Bigate		Mr Robt Rickman	
Mr Thomas Milton		Mr Michaell Geere	
Mr William Higges[3]	*dead*	Mr Lewes Tighte	
Mr Nicĥs Symonson		Mr Willim Wye elder	*gone*
Mr Edward Dalton		Mr John Graves	
Mr Thomas Beste		Mr Mathew Woodcott	
Mr Robert Gouldinge	*dead*	Mr John Clarke	*dead*
Mr Roger Gunston		Mr John Bedforde	*dead*
Mr Tho: Johnson[4]		Mr Willt Ivye	
Mr Jhon Dauies[5]		*Mr Edward Steuens*[6]	
		Mr Wm Jorden	
		Mr Edward Philipps[7]	

[1] The names and words printed in italics were inserted at a later date, when many of the names were then crossed out.

[2] Sir George Marshall was a gentleman much employed about the Court, among other things being given the charge of the King's race mares: he was knighted at Royston on October 6, 1615.—State Papers, Domestic, 1609-1631; Metcalfe's 'Knights.'

[3] Mr. William Higges now disappears from the Vestry; he was buried on October 19, 1612; his wife predeceased him and in the burial register under date March 1, 1609, the following unusual notice breaks the monotony of the usual entries: 'Judith, wife of Mr. Willim Higges, of Stepney, in the hamlet of Ratclif, within the brickwall nere the Church, Citizen and Mercer of London, was buried the first day of March: whose good and vertuous life I cannot sufficiently as she deserved here sett down: hir husbande gave both cloaks and gownes at hir funerall bountifully and more I cannot here set downe.'—Stepney Registers.

[4] Thomas Johnson, mariner, of Ratcliffe, was buried September 20, 1624.—Stepney Registers.

[5] John Davies, a sailor in the employ of the East India Company. In 1609, 'notwithstanding some matter of misgovernment and misdemeanor against him,' he was granted £10 in return for a book presented by him to the Governor and Company, containing an account of his last voyage. Six years later he has the command of the *James*, but again his conduct is called in question, and on his return he makes his suit to the Court for his bond and a gratuity of £100. After this he seems to have stayed more at home, and was regular at the vestry meetings up till 1626, when he died, and was buried November 3.—State Papers, Colonial, E.I.C.

[6] Edw. Stevens, of Blackwall, shipwright, m. Katherine.—Stepney Registers.

[7] Edward Philips was a gardener, living in Painter's Rents, Ratcliffe, and he was buried May 22, 1630.—Stepney Registers.

Mileinde		Popler	
Sr Thomas Bludder } knights		Sr Thomas Palmer[3]	*dead*
Sr Stephen Powle } knights		Mr Willimson	*dead*
Mr John Lyon		*1* Mr Abdye	
Mr Seybright		Mr Crompton	*dead*
Mr Newett		*2* Mr Crippes	
Mr xp̃ofer Pate		*3* Mr Smyth	
Mr Tho: Hogge		Mr Davison	*gone*
Mr Geo: Blincoe		Mr Crowder	*dead*
Mr Tho Walker	*dead*[1]	*4* Mr Tho: Comyns.[4]	
Henry Barnett		*5* Mr Vincent Parratt[5]	
Mr Jhon Lee[2]		*6 Mr Jhon West*	
Mr Michaell Gisbie		*7 Mr Gilbert Dethick*[6]	
		8 Henrie Reynolds[7]	
		9 xp̃ofer Diue[8]	

[1] The names and words printed in italics were inserted at a later date, when many of the names were then crossed out.

[2] Sir John Lee, of Whitehorse Street, was the third of three distinguished brothers, sons of Sir Robert Lee, all of whom were knighted for their public services. Sir John was made keeper of the Ordnance Stores at the Tower in 1618, and was knighted at Greenwich on June 28, 1629. He was twice married: first, to Sarah Woodward, who died in 1625, and was buried at Stepney December 27; and second, to Joan Lott, widow of Henry Lott, of Stepney (license dated November 5, 1633). He was buried November 16, 1642.—Chester's Marriage Licenses; State Papers, Domestic; Brit. Mus. Harl. MS., 1174; Stepney Registers.

[3] Sir Thomas Palmer, born 1569, was made a D.L. for Sussex in 1604, and knighted at Whitehall on December 23, 1606.—State Papers, Domestic; Metcalfe's Knights.

[4] Thomas Comyns, a yeoman of Poplar.—Stepney Registers.

[5] Vincent Parratt, a mariner of the same.—Stepney Registers.

[6] Gilbert Dethick, son of Sir William Dethick (see p. 46), Garter King of Arms, a proctor and registrar of the Court of Chivalry. He married Joanna, daughter of Alexander Serle, of London, who died March, 1607-8, and was buried in St. Mary Magdalen's Church, Old Fish Street. By her he had two sons and a daughter, who all died young. On January 12, 1614, he took a second wife in the person of Rachel, daughter of John Blount, relict of John Crompton, of Poplar. In the entry of his marriage he is described as 'of the p'ish of St. Gregory, in Paul's Ch: yard.' This Gilbert Dethick is credited by both Strype and Noble with having been instrumental in the building of old Poplar Chapel, in which there was formerly a Latin inscription to the same effect, but as Gilbert Dethick died in 1639, and the date of the erection of the Chapel is usually given as 1650, it is clear that there is some mistake. Possibly some other member of the family was referred to, probably his nephew, Gilbert Dethick, son of Henry Dethick (see p. 84).—Strype's Stowe; Noble's History of the College of Heralds; Stepney Registers.

[7] Henry Reynolds was a shipwright of Poplar, and was buried on April 9, 1618.—Stepney Registers.

[8] Christopher Dyve, constable of Poplar and Blackwall, was granted in 1618 by the East India Company the sum of 40*s.* to make good losses he incurred through the escape of one of his prisoners: he was by trade a chandler, and was twice married; his first wife, Isabell, was buried on April 4, 1610, and on September 20 of the same year he married Grace Higbye; he himself was buried October 16, 1618.—State Papers, Colonial E.I.C.; Stepney Registers.

GEO GOULDMAN	N DIGGENS
EDM: ABDY	EDW DALTON
THOMAS JONES	JOHN LYONS
RO: KAYL	ROBART RICKMAN
p me Wm BYGATT	MIGHELL GEERE
ANT WILLIAMSON	

Churchwardens

At a Vestry holden in the Vestry house the fourtenth day of Aprill beinge Tuesday in Easter weeke for the Ellecc̃on of Church officers accordinge to the Canon in that Case made and provided, were Chosen Church Wardens.theis p̃sons hereafter named. to serue for the yeare followeinge in the office of Churchwardens from Lady day last beinge in Aõ dñi one thowsand six hundred and twelve. as followeth

for Ratclif	Mr Thomas Jones, his deputy, John Crane.
for Lymehous	Mr Wm Jorden. his
for Myleind	Mr Michaell Gizbye.
for Popler	Mr Ezechiell Crips his deputy Willim Allen.

Ellected for Sydemen to serue for the same yeare.

for Ratclif	Robert Rooke.[1]
for Lymehouse	Robert Markham.
for Mileinde	Nic̃hs Veere.
for Popler	Thomas Smyth

GEO GOULDMAN	EDW DALTON
EDM: ABDY	ROBART RICKMAN

[1] Robert Rooke, of Ratcliffe, is described in the Registers as a crosse-tailor, or on other occasions simply as a tailor or merchant-tailor, and once as a coal merchant. He was twice married: first, to Sarah Hall, widow, on November 19, 1623; second, to Anne Burlock, of Shadwell, widow, on May 16, 1625; the first was buried on July 28, 1624, and the second on June 3, 1637.

Another Robert Rooke, of West Ham, married Elizabeth Lee at Stepney on July 24, 1626. Stepney Registers.

Ro: Kayl	Robart golldinge
N Diggens	Alaxandar Dauison
Mighell Geere	Roger Gunston
Henry Barnets marke	Thomas Hog
John Greaves	Thomas Walker
p me Wm bygatt	Mathew Woodcott
Ant Williamson	Thomas Crowther
John Lyons	

At the Vestry holden in the vestry house the fowrtenth day of Aprill 1612, were elected Auditors for the Churchwardens accounts.

for Ratclif	for Lymehous
Mr Keale &	Mr Diggens
Mr Dalton.	Mr Geere.
for Popler	for Mileind
Mr Abdy &	Mr Lyons and
Mr Crowder	Mr Hogge.

Geo Gouldman.	Alaxandar Davison
p me Wm bygatt	Thomas Walker
Robart Rickman	

yt is ordered at the same Vestry that Widow Elvins and hir sonne should pay in satisfaccon of such monies as were due to the Church by John Elvins hir husband deceassed, the some of foure poundes, to be paide to the Churchwardens in the vestry house, in manner following to witt forty shillings at Midsomer next: and forty shillings at Michallmas next, in consideracon of the some of eight pounds and fifteene shillings due by the said John Elvins before his death, wch mony if it be not paied the whole debt of eight pounds fiftene shillings to be due by them to pay.

John Elvins.[1]

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[1] 'John Elvins, thelder of Popler, Yeoman, late Churchwarden, was buried July 1, 1611.' —Stepney Registers.

1613

At a Vestrie houlden in the Vestry house the fourth daye of Maye beinge Tuesdaye the election of Churchwardens accordinge to the Cannon in that Case maid and ꝑvided. These persons hearafter named to searue for the yeare ffollowinge in the office of Churchwardenshipp from our ladye day last beinge in An° dñi one thowsand six hundreth and thirteñe, as ffolloweth.

for Radclife	Thomas Manning[1]
for Limehouse	William Jurden.
for Popler	Christopher Dyves.
for Mylende	Ellis. Elliott[2]

Ellected for sidemen to serue for the same yeare.

for Radclife	Robert Roocke.
for Limehouse	William Simonds
for Popler	Thomas Kent
for Mylende	Thomas Baines

GEO GOULDMAN Viccar	The mark of THOMAS MILTOUN
THOMAS JONES	N. DIGGENS
RO: KAYLL	EDW DALTON
ANT WILLIAMSON	ROBART RICKMAN
EDWARD STEUENS	ROGER GUNSON
JOHN GREAVES	WILLIM JRDENE
THOMAS HOG	THO: COMINES
The mark of RICHARD PHILLIPS	JOHN WEST
Marke HENERY BARNNETT	THOMAS WALKER
ALEXANDER DAVISON	The marke of EZECIELL CRIPS

[1] Thomas Manning, a carpenter, of Ratcliffe Highway, was buried September 15, 1630.—Stepney Registers.

[2] Ellis Elliot was a goldsmith of Spitalfields, who later on in life retired, and is entered in his burial register as 'gent.', December 12, 1625.—Stepney Registers.

Att the Vestrye houlden in the vestrye house the fourth of Maye 1613, weare elected Auditores for the Churchwardens accounts

for Radclife	for limehouse
Mr Bigatt	Mr Rickman
Mr Gunstonn	Mr Graves
for Popler	for Milende
Mr Williamson	Mr Lions[1]
Mr Davison	Mr Hodgge

GEO GOULDMAN Vicca^{r}	Mr MILTONS marke
THOMAS JONES	N DIGGENS
Ro: KAYLL	ROGER GUNSON
ANT̃ WILLIAMSON[2]	ROBART RICKMAN
EDW DALTON	THOMAS WALKER
	JOHN GREAVES

At a vestrye holden the 14th of Decemb^{r} 1613 in the vestrye in the Church It is agreed in maner folowing

It is agreed that the widow of Mr Hawes late Curate of Stepney shal hold and enioy that chamb^{r} in the Churchyard out of wch Mother Stokes latelye died to hold the same during her life naturall if she shall well demeane herselfe.

Also yt is agreed that whereas there is much of the Register vnrecorded as well for Christnings Mariages and Burialls where through much hurt may arise, that therefore Peter wright If he like yt shall haue foure pounds for the full recording of all that is yet vnrecorded vnto the time of the death of Jhon Brockbancke late clerke and keper of the Registrye, or if he shall make refusall thereof then the church-

[1] John Lyons, gent., of Mile End, was buried in the chancel on February 18, 1615. His family appear in the Visitation of Essex of 1634; see Har. Soc. Edit., p. 441; see also Stepney Registers.

[2] Anthony Williamson, of Poplar, and citizen of London, here appears for the last time: he was buried September 30, 1613, after being connected with the Vestry for twenty years.—Stepney Registers.

wardens to prouide some other who for the aforesaid summe shall faithfully transcribe all that is to be found, into the seuerall parchm^{t} bookes, & they the churchwardens to se that the same be perfectlye finished by the feast of Easter next ensuing.

THOMAS JOHNSON	EDW: EDGEWORTHE, Curat:
ROGER GUNSTON	EDW DALTON.
THOMAS HOG	ELLIS ELLIOTT
JOHN WEST	WILLIAM JIRDEN
THOMAS MANNING by his marke	MIGHELL GEERE
CHRISTOPHER DIUE	ALEXANDER DAVISON
THOMAS JONES	THOMAS WALKER
RO: KAYLL	

1614

At a vestrie holden in the vestrie house the 26th day of Aprill being Tuesdaye in Easter weeke, for the Elecc̃on of Church officers according to the Canon in that case prouided were chosen Churchwardens these persons hereafter named to serue for the yeare folowing in the office of Churchwardens from Lady day last being in Anno dñi one thousand sixe hundreth and fourteene as foloweth, whereof three of them continew newlye elected according to ye Custome of the pish of Stepnie

for Ratcliffe	Mr Thomas Manning
for Limehouse	Mr Robert Rickman
for Popler	Mr Christopher Diues
for Mileend	Mr Ellis Elliott

Elected for Sidemen to serue for the same yeare.

for Ratcliffe	Edward Lane
for Limehouse	William Simonds
for Popler	Thomas Kent
for Mileend	Thomas Baines

GEO GOULDMAN.	WILLIAM JURDEN
GEO: MARSHALL.	ALEXANDER DAVISON[1]
EDM: ABDY	THOMAS COMINES
THOMAS JONES	RICHARD PHILLIPES (*mark*)
RO: KAYLL.	THOMAS MANNING (*mark*)
WILLYAM BYGATT	ELLIS ELLIOTT
MIGHELL GEERE	CHRISTOPHER DIUE
JOHN GREAVES	

At the vestrie holden the same day and yeare were elected for Auditors for the Churchwardens Account the yeare passed.

For Ratcliffe	For Limehouse
Mr Edward Dalton	Mr Michael Geere
Mr Nicholas Simonson	Mr Jhon Greaues
For Popler	**For Mileend**
Mr Edmond Abdye	Mr Nicholas Diggens
Mr Thomas Comines	Mr Thomas Hogg

Also at the said Vestrye holden the day and yeare aboue written, It was agreed that Robt Greenewood a poore blind man shall hold and enioy that chamber in the churchyard out of wch Mrs Hawes latelye deceased to hold the same during his naturall life yf he shall well demeane himself.

At a vestrye houlden in the vestrye house the 11th day of Aprill 1615 beinge tusdaye in Easter weeke for the Ellecc̃on of Church Officers accordinge to the Cañon in that case prouided, were chosen Churchwardens these persons hereafter named to serue for the yeare followinge in the office of Churchwardens from the Ladye daye last past beinge in the yeare of our Lord god one thousand six hundereth

[1] Alexander Davison, of Poplar, ropemaker, now appears for the last time, as he shortly after this date left the district. He was twice married: first, to Jone Cox, July 27, 1571; and second, to Anne Fundal, widow, of Poplar (by license), October 16, 1606. The latter died in May, 1621, and he survived her only a few months, and was buried October 4, 1621. —Stepney Registers.

and fiftene as followeth whereof one of them continew elected newlie acording to the custome of the ꝑish of Stepney.

for Radcliffe.	Mr Richard Notingham[1]
for Limehouse.	Mr Robert Rickman
for Popler.	Mr Martin Smith
for Milend.	Mr Henry Barnet

Elected for Sidemen to serue the same yeare.

for Radcliffe.	Edward Lane.
for Limehouse.	William Delton.
for Popler.	Zachary Gilbye.[2]
for Mylend.	Henry Sessions.[3]

THOMAS JONES	GEO GOULDMAN. Vicca[r]
THOMAS HOG	
ROBART RICKMAN	GEO: MARSHALL
ELLIS ELLIOTT	WILLIM. JURDEN
JOHN GREAVES	THOMAS JOHNSON
RICHARD PHILIPS (*mark*)	HENRY BARNET (*mark*)
THOMAS MANNING (*mark*) Churchwarden	CHRISTOPHER DIUE

At the vestrie holden the same daye and yeare were elected for Auditors for the Churchwardens Accounts these ꝑsons here vnder named.

for Radcliff	for Limehouse
Mr Thomas Best	Mr Richard March
Mr Edward Dalton	Mr Mathew Woodcot
for Popler	**for Mylend**
Mr Thomas Comines	Mr Nicholas Diggens
Mr Jhon West	Mr Thomas Hogge

[1] Richard Nottingham, of Ratcliffe, was clerk of the Trinity House, and was buried October 10, 1626.

[2] Zachary Gilby was a vintner, first at St. Gregory's, London, and later at Blackwall; he was buried March 20, 1638.

[3] Henry Sessions was a butcher of Mile End, and was buried on December 16, 1617. Perhaps his ill-health prevented his serving his office the second year. His widow Ellen married Nicholas Hart, by license dated June 13, 1621.—Chester's Marriage Licenses. Stepney Registers.

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Also att the same vestrie held the same day and yeare yt was agreed that wheras Mr Dr Gouldman hertofore held the pence commonlie called Paschall pence paieing for them the summe of iiij^{li} ꝑ añm vnto the said ꝑish and the Churchwardens therof, and afterwards the summe of xl^{s} of the said rent of iiij^{li} ꝑ annū was remitted vnto the said Dr Gouldman, now the said Dr Gouldman is well contented for the two yeares passed to pay the said intier summes of iiij^{li} ꝑ annū and so yearelie to continew the said paym^{t} of iiij^{li} ꝑ annū to the Churchwardens according to the first agreem^{t} made between the said Dr Gouldman vicar of Stepney and the vestrie men of the said ꝑish and that to the persons, and att the times in the first order made and there set downe. *the 13th ffebreary 1605*

GEO: MARSHALL	GEO GOULDMAN Vicca^{r}
THOMAS JONES	THOMAS HOG
ROBART RICKMAN	WILLIAM JURDENE
ELLIS ELLIOTT	THOMAS JOHNSON
JOHN GREAVES	HENRY BARNET (*mark*)
THOMAS MANNING	RICHARD PHILLIPS (*mark*)
Churchwarden (*mark*)	CHRISTOPHER DIUE

Also in regard some vestrie men of the said ꝑish and hamletts were wanting ꝑtlie by death ꝑtlie by departure out of the ꝑish and Hamletts where they dwelled It was agreed att the same vestrie that these persons folowing should succeed as vestrie men in stead of such persons dieing or departing. vizt for Ratcliffe Mr Jhon Dauies, for Limehouse none the number full, for Mile end Mr John Lee and Mr Michael Gisby And for Popler Mr Gilbert Dethick Henry Reynolds and Christopher Diue, and so these folowing to be accompted for vestrie men of the ꝑish of Stepnie and none other for the time being vizt [1]

[1] The words in italics, relating to death or departure, were inserted later.

Ratcliffe

Mr[1] George Marshall
Mr Thomas Jones
Mr William Bygat
Mr Robt Kayll
Mr Thomas Milton
Mr Nicholas Simonson
Mr Edward Dalton
Mr Thomas Best
Mr Roger Gunston
Mr Thomas Jhonson
Mr John Dauies

Limehouse

Mr Richard Marsh
Mr Robt Rickman
Mr Michaell Geare
Mr Lewes Tight *gone*
Mr John Greaues
Mr Mathew Woodcott
Mr William Iuie
Mr Edward Steuens
Mr William Jorden
Mr Edward Philips

Mile end

Sr Thomas Bludder } knights
Sr Stephen Poule }
Mr John Lion[2] *dead*
Mr Sebright
Mr Newett
Mr Diggins
Mr Christopher Pate
Mr Thomas Hogge.
Mr Henrie Barnett.
Mr John Lee
Mr Michaell Gisbye.

Popler

Mr Edmund Abdie[2]
Mr Ezechiell Crippes
Mr Martin Smith[2]
Mr Thomas Comins
Mr Vincent Parrot
Mr John West
Mr Gilbert Dethick.
Henrie Reynolds
Christopher Diue

At a vestrie holden on tuesday the 28 of Nouembr 1615 (whereas Mr Martin Smith Churchwarden of Popler was deceased) yt was agreed that Mr Thomas Comins of the same place should serue for the rest of the yeare ensuing, And in regard that Zacharie Gilbie the sideman of the same place was departed out of the said pish yt is also agreed that Thomas Abbot of the same place should serue and

[1] A later hand has altered '*Mr.*' to '*Sr*' George Marshall.
[2] Crossed out by a later hand.

execute the office of Sidemā and Assystant vnto the said churchwarden aforenamed for the rest of the yeare folowing

EDW EDGEWORTHE	JOHN WEST	
Curat ibm	RICHARD PHILIPS his marke	
NIC^S DIGGINS	HENRYE BURNARD	Church-wardens
JO NEWETT	his marke	
THO: COMINES	WILLIAM SIMONS	

Aō 1616

At a vestrie holden in the vestrie house the first day of Aprill being Munday in Easter weeke for the Elecōn of Church officers acording to the Canon in that case prouided were chosen Churchwardens these persons hereafter named to serue for the yeare folowing in the office of Churchwarden from the Annunciacōn in the yeare 1616 as foloweth whereof three of them continew newlie elected acording to the custome of the pish of Stepney.

Churchwardens

for Ratcliffe	Mr Richard Notinghā
for Limehouse	Mr Michael Geere
for Popler	Mr Thomas Comins
for Mileend	Mr Henry Barnard

Elected also for Sidemen at the same vestrie and meeting

for Ratcliffe	——— Neltrapp.[1]
for Limehouse.	Edward Walbye.
for Popler.	Thomas Abbot.
for Mile end.	William Hayward.

Also elected att the same vestrie for Auditors for the Churchwardens account for the yeare passed.

[1] Nicholas Neltrapp was a sailmaker in Ratcliffe, and was buried on June 19, 1622. His widow married Dan. Bexley, see p. 100.—Stepney Registers.

for Ratcliffe	for Limehouse
Mr Roger Gunston	Mr Mathew Woodcot
Mr Thomas Johnson	Mr Wm Iuie
for Popler	for Mile end
Henry Reynolds	Mr Nicholas Diggens
Christopher Diue	Mr Thomas Hogg

Also yt was ordered att the same vestrie that inasmuch as Mr Edmund Abdie hath so caried himselfe in matters of Religion as vnworthie the place of a vestrie man in the said pish that therefore from henceforth he be held and reputed for no vestrie man among them

Also att the same vestrie were elected and chosen for vestrie men insteed of those who are wanting, for Popler, William Hyat.[1] for Limehouse Mr Jhon Moore and so these psons folowing to be acounted for vestrie men for the time being & none othar. vizt[2]

Ratcliffe	Limehouse
Sr George Marshall	Mr Richard March
Mr Tho. Jones *in his stead Mr Richard Notinghā*	Mr Robt Rickman
Mr Wm Bigatt	Mr Michael Geere
Mr Robt Kail	Mr John Graues
Mr Tho: Milton	Mr Mathew Woodcott
Mr Nicho Simonson[3] *in his stead Mr Edward Chandler*[4]	Mr Wm Iuie
Mr Edward Dalton	Mr Edward Steuens
Mr Thomas Best	Mr Wm Jordan *dead*
Mr Roger Gunston	Mr Edward Phillips
Mr Thomas Johnson	Mr John Moore
Mr Jhon Dauies	

[1] William Hyatt, a yeoman living in North Street, Poplar, married Alice Cooke, widow, of Ratcliffe (by license), on March 28, 1618.—Stepney Registers.

[2] Those words and names printed in italics were inserted at a later date, and several of the names were then crossed out.

[3] Nicholas Simonson was a shipwright of Ratcliffe.—Stepney Registers.

[4] Edward Chandler was also a shipwright, living on Wapping Wall. He married Elizabeth Heale, July 29, 1630, and was buried August 30, 1634.—Stepney Registers.

Mile end		Popler	
Sr Tho Bludder	*gone*	Mr Ezechiell Cripes	*dead*
Sr Stephen Poule		Mr Tho Comins	
Sr John Lee		Mr Vincent Parrot	
Mr Sebright		Mr John West	
Mr Newett		Mr Gilbert Dethick	
Mr Diggens		Henrye Reynold	
Mr Pate[1]	*dead*	Christopher Diue	
Mr Hogge		William Hyat	
Mr Barnard			
Mr Gisbye			

Also it was agreed that whereas w^{m} Pemmerton of Limehouse mariner did by his last will and testament geue vnto the poore of the p̣ish of Stepney the summe of ten pounds of lawfull monie of England wch summe of ten pounds is witholden by Mrs Wild the wife of John Willd of Limehouse the executor of the last will and testament of the said Wm Pemmerton w^{c}h M^{rs} wilds is Executrix of the goods and Chattells of the said John her late husband deceased. It ys agreed that the Churchwardens shall commence suit in law against the said Mrs Wild for the recouerie of the said ten pounds and to do and performe all and all maner of things that may be by law expedient for the recouerie of the said summe of monie so detayned. And the charges of the said suit and acc̄on to be discharged by the whole bodie of the p̣ish.

Also yt is further agreed that the Churchwardens shall out of hand prouide one sufficient strong Chest with three lockes acording to the Canon[2] that all such monies as are collected at the Communion table may be put into the same acording to an ancient order formerlie decreed by the said vestrie fo: 47. And the collection att the communion table to continew in that

[1] Christopher Pate, gent., of Mile End Green, married (by license, dated March 5, 1613-14), Elizabeth Nicholls. He appears here for the last time, and was buried February 25, 1616. Chester's Marriage Licenses.—Stepney Registers.

[2] See the LXXXIVth Canon; also p. 54.

maner and by such churchwardens as hath hetherto collected vntill such time as the said chest shalbe prouided.

Also yt is agreed that for those monies which heretofore haue bene made at the communion table that they should be distributed in maner and forme folowing vizt Ratcliffe to haue three parts Limehouse to haue two parts Popler to haue one pte Bednalgreene and Mile end to haue two parts. And those monies that shalbe hereafter collected to be put into the Chest acording as yt is formerlie ordered.

GEO: MARSHALL	EDW: EDGEWORTHE
THOMAS JONES	Curat ibm
T. BEST	THOMAS COMINES
NIC° DIGGINS	HENRY BARNARD (*mark*)
THO: MILTON (*mark*)	EDW: DALTON
MIGHELL GEERE	ROGER GUNSTON
MATHEW WOODCOT	JO DAUIES
THOMAS JOHNSON	THOMAS HOG
ROBART RICKMAN	RYCHARD NOTTINGHAM
JOHN GREAVES	

Anno dñi 1617

At a vestrie holden in the vestrie house the 25th of Aprill 1617 being ffriday in Easter weeke for the Elecc̃on of Church Officers acording to the Canon in that case prouided were chosen Churchwardens these persons hereafter named to serue for the yeare folowing in the Office of Churchwarden from the Annunciac̃on of the virgin Marie in the said yeare 1617, As foloweth, whereof one of them continew newlie elected according to the custome of the pish of Stepney.

Churchwardens

for Ratcliffe.	Mr Roger Frith[1]
for Limehouse.	Mr Michaell Geere.
for Popler.	Mr John West.
for Mile end.	Mr John Fuller.

[1] Roger Frith was an anchorsmith of Ratcliffe.—Stepney Registers.

Elected also for Sidemen att the same vestrie and meeting

for Ratcliffe.	Nicholas Neltrapp.
for Limehouse	Edward Walbye.
for Popler.	Thomas Wilson
for Mile end.	William Hayward

Elected also for Auditors for the Churchwardens accoūt for the yeare passed

for Ratcliffe.	for Limehouse.
Mr Roger Gunston	Mr Mathew Woodcot
Mr Thomas Johnson.	Mr William Iuie
for Popler.	**for Mile end**
Henry Reynolds	Mr Nicholas Diggins.
Christopher Diue	Mr Thomas Hogg.

EDW EDGEWORTH Curat.
MATHEW WOODCOTT
MIGHELL GEERE

Also yt is ordered and decreed att the same vestrie and Meeting that (forasmuch as diuers in the pish and seuerall hamlets thereof, do make refusall to pay such monies as formerlie haue bene paid to the churchwardens of the said pish for and toward the reparacon of the pish Church of Stepnie by what name soeuer yt be collected so as therebye that fitt reparacons cannot be made in the said pish Church as is fitt and convenient.) It is therefore I saiy ordered that the churchwardens shall and may att the common charge of the said pish sue and implead such of the said pish and seuerall hamletts thereof as shall any way make refusall to pay any such summes quarterlie or otherwise to be collected so as therebie such maner reparacons may be made of the pish church as is expedient And in more pticular, John Triggs of Ratcliffe for the present assessem^t^ of vj^d^ p quarter for the time of Richard Nottingham last churchwarden, and

all the arreares of such summes as haue formerlie bene detayned by the said John Triggs from the said Richard Nottingham churchwarden or any other his predecessors churchwardens of the said pish. And against him and all other in the said pish and seuerall hamletts to effect and do whatsoeuer may be by law warrantable for and to the recouering of the said summe and summes and euerie pticular thereof to the vse and reparacons afore specified. As also Thomas Mootam of Wapping wall for the assessem^{t} of iij^{d} p quarter, and refused to be paid vnto the said Richard Notingham churchwarden aforesaid As also Henrie Goodgame of wapping for the like assessem^{t} of vj^{d} p quarter in like maner refused to be paid vnto the said Richard Notingham Churchwarden. Also yt is ordered and decreed that Mr Mighell Geare and Richard Nottinghā Churchwardens now being shall make and build in the middle Isle of the church of Stepney and in the north part of the said Isle ten or eleauen double pewes of new and good stuffe, and that whatsoeuer shall remaine vnfinished at the expiration of the time of the said Richard Nottingham to be done and perfected by Roger ffrith, now chosen his successiue churchwarden in the said pish and such other churchwardens are for the yeare ensuing are formerlie elected.

EDW: EDGEWORTHE Curat	JOHN GREAVES
T. BEST	MYCHILL GISBIE
THOMAS MILTON (*mark*)	JOHN WEST
JO NEWETT	HENRIE BARNARD (*mark*)
ROGER GUNSTON	CHRISTOPHER DIUE
THOMAS JOHNSON	HENRIE REYNOLD (*mark*)
ROBART RICKMAN	RICHARD NOTTINGHAM Churchwarden

At a vestrie holden on Munday the 8th day of September in the yeare 1617 It was ordered and decreed, that foras-

much as the church is verie much decayed in the roofe both in the lead and Timbers beside all other necessaries in the bodie of the church and communion place to be repaired, that therefore there shalbe a generall Landskot and assessem[t] made of all the inhabitants of the pish and outdwellers occupieing land in the pish for and toward the necessarie repayre of the Church in euerie pt thereof, to be made and assessed by the vicar of the said pish, the Churchwardens for the time being and two or 3 other of euerie Hamlet in the pish being fit and sufficient men to be named and apointed by the vestrie, for the asseasing and rating of the said Landskott and assessem[t]

Also these persons folowing were nominated deputed and apointed by the said vestrie to be assistants to the vicar and Churchwardens in the Rate making aforesaid, and for the gathering vp of the said Landskott assessem[t] so made.

for Ratcliffe.

Mr Thomas Best Mr Robt Kayl
Mr Roger Gunston. Mr Edw Daltō
Mr Thomas Johnson.
Mr Richard Notingham.

for Limehouse.

Mr Mathew Woodcot
M[r] Richard Phillips
Mr John Graues.

for Popler.

M[r] Thomas Comins
Mr Gilbert Dethick.
Mr William Hyat.

for Mile end.

M[r] Nicholas Diggens
M[r] Newett & M[r] Michaell Gisby
M[r] Thomas Hogg.
Mr Henry Barnard.

Itm. whereas there was a former decree made for a sufficient chest with three lockes for the keping of monies and other necessaries It is ordered also at the same vestrie that the Churchwardens shall out of hand prouide the said chest

acording to the former order and such as may be agreable to the Canons and constitutions of the Church

Itm. whereas formerlie[1] vpon the slackness and remisnes of the vestrie men in theire metings in the vestrie hauing warning of the day and time publiquelie geven, yt was ordered that euerie vestrie man making default and being absent and hauing no lawfull excuse of his said absence should forfait xij^{d} for euerie default to the vse of the poore. And whereas now there is the like remiseness It is thought fitt that the said decree should be againe reuiued, and now by the said vestrie yt is ordered and decreed that euerie vestrie man making default to come to the vestrie being warned thereto ether publiquelie in the Church or priuatelie at their owne houses hauing no cause ether by absence, sickness or other necessarie employm^{t} shall for euerie such default forfait xij^{d} to the vse of the poore to be leuied by the churchwardens as in the former decre made fol 41 may plainlie apeare and acording to the tenor of the said decree./

Itm. yt is ordered that there shalbe chosen in euerie hamlet two fit aged women to search and vew the bodies of euerie one deceasing for the preuention of infection to be named and apointed by the Churchwardens of euerie Hamlet wth the asistance of some one or two of the vestrie men of the said pish and hamlett and the said searchers to haue ij^{d} a peece for euerie bodie they shall vew and search to be paid by the gouernor of the house where such bodie dieth and is vewed, and if they shall not be able to paie the said iiij^{d} then the said mony is to be satisfied and paid by the Collector for the poore for the time being./

Itm. yt is ordered and decreed that no locks shalbe set vpon any of the new pewes [*unles by the churchwardens themselves and then without cutting or impayring the wood & that*[2]] onlie one pew wch is the 2 in the middle Isle hauing formerlie a lock sett on yt.

[1] See p. 44. [2] Crossed out.

Itm. yt is ordered also and decreed that the churchwardens shall out of hand build all the pewes in the middle Isle of the Church and vnder the gallerie, from the end of the new worke vnto the Crosse allie by the staires going vp into the gallerie, As also to rayse vp the pewes in the north side of the church, and to put in quite through a sufficient plate and well to vnderpin them that they may be more convenient for people to sit in them.

GEO GOULDMAN Vicca[r]	EDW: EDGEWORTHE Curat	
ROGER GUNSTON	JOHN WEST	Church-wardens
MATHEW WOODCOTT	ROGER FFRITH (*mark*)	
JO. NEWETT	JOHN FFULLER	
THOMAS HOGG	NICH[o] DIGGINS	
THOMAS JOHNSON	T. BEST	
HENRY BARNARD[1] (*mark*)	MYCHELL GISBE	

At a vestry holden on Tuesday being tuesday in Easter weeke and the 7th day of Aprill in the yeare 1618 and in the vestry house for the Elecc̃on of Church officers, according to the Canons in that case prouided were chosen Churchwardens these persons hereafter named to serue for the yeare folowing viz[t] from the feast of the Annunciac̃on of the virgin Mary in the yeare 1618 in the office of churchwarden whereof three of them continew newlie elected acording to the custome of the p̃ish of Stepney

for Ratcliffe.	M[r] Roger ffrith
for Limehouse	M[r] Raph Bradshaw.[2]
for Popler	M[r] John West
for Mile end	M[r] John Fuller.

[1] The last appearance of Mr. Henry Barnett, a yeoman of Bethnal Green, who was buried on February 13, 1617.—Stepney Registers.

[2] Ralph Bradshaw died at the close of his second year of office, and was buried May 10, 1620.—Stepney Registers.

Elected also for Sidemen att the same vestry and meeting whereof one continueth newlie elected according to the custome of the said pish of Stepney

for Ratcliffe	Jeffry Wheeler[1]
for Limehouse.	William Simonds
for Popler	Thomas Wilson
for Mile end	Thomas Bayly.[2]

Also elected att the same vestry and meeting for auditors for the Churchwardens account for the yeares passed

for Ratcliffe	for Limehouse
Mr Thomas Best	Mr Mathew Woodcot
Mr Edward Dalton	Mr William Iuie
for Popler	**for Mile end**
Mr Gilbert Dethick	Mr Nicholas Diggens
Mr Thomas Comins	Mr Thomas Hogge

Also att the same vestry and meeting were elected and chosen for vestrymen instead of those who are wanting In Ratcliffe in the stead of Mr Thomas Joanes and Mr Nicholas Simonson deceased Mr Richard Notingham and Mr Edward Chandler, and for Milend the Right Hon Lord, Morly and Mr Thomas Michelbourne, and so these persons folowing to be accounted for vestrie men for the time being and none other vizt.[3]

Ratcliffe	Limehouse
Sr George Marshall. knight	Mr Richard March
Mr Wm Bygatt[4] *dead*	Mr Robt Rickman
Mr Robt Kayll	Mr Michaell Geere

[1] Jeffrey Wheeler was a victualler of Ratcliffe.—Stepney Registers.

[2] Thomas Bayly was a weaver of Mile End, and was buried January 24, 1624-5.—Stepney Registers.

[3] The italics show later insertions.

[4] William Bigate was a mariner of Ratcliffe, and here appears for the last time: he was buried September 24, 1618. He had been a vestryman, first for Limehouse and then for Ratcliffe, ever since the establishment of the Select Vestry in 1589, and he appears as auditor for Limehouse as far back as 1584.—Stepney Registers.

Mr Tho: Milton
Mr Edward Dalton
Mr Tho: Best
Mr Roger Gunston
Mr Tho Johnson
Mr John Dauies
Mr Richard Notinghā
Mr Edward Chandler.

Mr John Graues
Mr Mathew Woodcot
Mr Wm Iuie
Mr Edward Steuens
Mr Edward Phillips
Mr John Moore

Mile end

The Right honorable the Lord Morlye[1]
Sr Stephen Poule } knights
Sr John Lee }
Mr Sebright
Mr Newet
Mr Diggins
Mr Hogg
Mr Gisby
Mr Thomas Michelbourne

Popler

Mr Tho Comins
Mr Vincent Parrot *dead*
Mr John West
Mr Gilbert Dethick
Henry Reynold *dead*
Christopher Diue *dead*
Wm Hyat
Mr Wm James
Thomas Eliot

And on ffriday the 10th of the aforesaid moneth of Aprill in the yeare aforesaid att a vestry then held in the vestry

[1] Edward Parker, Lord Morley, a peer of some importance in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, was summoned to Parliament January 26, 1581. An interesting letter among the State Papers, written with invisible ink, from Thomas Rogers to Secretary Walsingham, dated Paris, August 25, 1585, informs us that 'Lord Morley has been solicited by his mother to come over, either to avoid imprisonment in England for seeming a Catholic or the peril that may befal him in England if foreign princes invade it and make it a conquest. . . Whether she would make her son an agent, or whether she is moved by any of the princes on this side to call him over I know not. . . He has promised to come when she sends for him, and has certified that £6,000 is the most he can bring over in money and jewels.' His loyalty, however, seems to have revived during the Armada panic, for when called upon by the Council (June 30, 1588) to contribute towards resisting the foreign attempts against 'this realm, his natural and sweet country,' he consented to furnish twenty light horse, thirty muskets, and seventy calivers. He sat in judgement on Mary Queen of Scots, Philip, Earl of Arundel, and Robert, Earl of Essex, and was present at the execution of the last-named unfortunate nobleman. Lord Morley resided at Mile End Green, and married Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of William Stanley, Baron Monteagle; he died in 1618, and was buried in Stepney Church on April 2 of that year; his son, an avowed Roman Catholic, was summoned to Parliament in the lifetime of his father in the right of his mother as Lord Monteagle, and was the nobleman to whom the memorable anonymous letter was addressed by which the Gunpowder Plot is said to have been discovered.—Harl., 1636; State Papers, Domestic; Burke's Extinct Peerage; Lyson' Environs; Stepney Registers.

house were the aforesaid officers chosen and the vestrymen afore nominated acording to theyre former elecc̃on were confirmed.

Also at the said vestry and meeting were chosen for vestry men for the Hamlet of Popler Mr William James of Bednalgreene to supplie the presente defect of sufficient men in the said hamlet, and Thomas Eliot of Popler

GEO GOULDMAN Vicca[r]
THOMAS MILTON (*mark*)
T. BEST.
NIC[o] DIGGINS
MATHEW WOODCOTT
JOHN WEST. Churchwarden
GILBERT DETHICK
JO. NEWETT
EDW: DALTON
JOHN GREAVES
THOMAS HOGG
CHRISTOPHER DIUE
WILLIAM HYAT (*mark*)
ROGER FFRITH. (*mark*) churchwarden.
MICHELL GISBIE
THOMAS JOHNSON
RICHARD PHILLIPS (*mark*)
JOHN FFULLER Churchwarden.

So that by vertue of the aforesaid decree then made these persons for the present are to be held and reputed for vestry men viz[t] [1]

In Ratcliff	In Limehouse
S[r] Geo Marshall knight[2]	Mr Richard March[2] *dead*
Mr Rob̃t Kayll	M[r] Rob̃t Rickman
Mr Tho: Milton[2]	M[r] Mich: Geere
M[r] Edw: Dalton	M[r] Jo: Graues
M[r] Tho: Best	M[r] Math: Woodcot[2] *dead*
Mr Roger Gunston[2]	Mr W[m] Iuie[2]
Mr Tho: Johnson[2]	Mr Edw. Steuens *gone*
Mr Jo: Dauies[2]	Mr Edw: Philip
Mr Rich: Notinghā[2]	Mr Jo: Moore[2] *dead*
Mr Edw: Chandler.	

[1] The italics show later insertions.

[2] The name was later erased.

In Mile end		In Popler.
The right hon^{ble} ye Lord Morlye.	*dead*	Mr Tho: Comins
Sr Stephen Poule } knights	*gone*	Mr John West.
Sr John Lee } knights	*remoued*	Mr Gilbert Dethick
Mr Sebright	*dead*	Wm Hyat
Mr Newet.	*dead*	Mr Wm James of Bednal-greene[1]
Mr Digins	*gon*	Thomas Eliot.
Mr Hogge.		
Mr Gisby.		
Mr Michelbourne	*gon*	

Mar: 30 1619

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on Tuesday being tuesday in Easter weeke and the thirtieth day of this present moneth of March for the election of Church Officers according to the Canons of the Church in that case prouided were chosen churchwardens these persons hereafter named to serue for the yeare folowing in the Office of Churchwardens from the Annunciation of the virgin Mary, in the yeare 1619 as foloweth, wherof one of them continueth newlie elected acording to the Custome of the ꝑish of Stepney.

for Ratcliffe	Mr Roger Gunston
for Limehouse	Mr Ralph Bradshaw
for Popler	Mr Wm Hyat.
for Mile end	Mr John Newett.

Elected also for Sidemen at the same vestry and meeting, whereof two continue newlie elected acording to the Custome of the said ꝑish of Stepney

for Ratcliffe	John Clerke.
for Limehouse	William Simonds.
for Popler.	Hugh Pym.[2]
for Mile end.	Thomas Baylye.

[1] The name was later erased.
[2] Hugh Pym was a vintner of Poplar, and was buried July 7, 1619.—Stepney Registers.

Also elected at the same vestry and meeting for Auditors for the Church wardens acounts for the yeare passed

for Ratcliffe	for Limehouse
Mr Thomas Best.	Mr Michaell Geere
Mr Edward Dalton.	Mr Jo: Graues
for Popler	for Mile end
Mr Gilbert Dethick	Mr Nicholas Diggens
Mr Tho: Comins.	Mr Thomas Hogge.

Also at the said vestry and meeting was chosen for a vestryman, in the roome of Wm Bigatt deceased, Augustine Badicott[1] of Wapping,

Also at the said vestry and meeting It was ordered and decreed that the fift bell wch is broken should be cast with what convenient speed may be and for the payment and satisfaccon of the Bell founder who shall performe the said worke, yt is also agreed that there shalbe an assessemt made of euery one in the said pish as also euery out dwellers acording to the third part of the rate that he or they shall pay vnto the poore in theyre seuerall hamletts. the said seuerall rates to be made and taken out of the seuerall Collecters booke and to be gathered and collected by the Churchwardens the Sidemen and Collecters for the poore for the time being, And that the Churchwardens shall immediatelie make and gather the said rate and assessmt to be expended and laid out in the vse aforenamed.

Itm. At the vestry continued on Sunday Aprill 4 1619 for the suppliing of some vestry men that are wanting in the hamlett of Popler were elected and chosen for vestry men Mr Henry Dethick,[2] and Thomas Raylton[3]

[1] Augustine Badicott was a butcher and landholder in Wapping. He supplied beef to the ships of the East India Company, and his name occurs often in the Registers.—State Papers, Colonial, E.I.C.; Stepney Registers.

[2] Henry Dethick, of Poplar, son of Sir William Dethick, Garter King of Arms, married at Stepney, January 1, 1618, Elizabeth, daughter of Captain Thomas Best, of Ratcliff, and had six sons and one daughter. He died while churchwarden in 1639, and was buried at Stepney on September 5 of that year. His son, Henry Dethick, afterwards became Richmond Herald. —Noble's History of the College of Heralds; Stepney Registers.

[3] Thomas Railton was a husbandman of North Street, Poplar, and on February 2, 1601

Also the former decrees of elecc̃on of officers aforesaid were the said day and yeare and all other things formerlie written ratified and confirmed.

EDW. EDGEWORTHE Curat.	JOHN GREAVES	
MIGHELL. GEERE,	RICHARD PHILIPS	(*mark*)
ROGER GUNSTON	ROGER FFRITH	(*mark*)
GILBERT DETHICK.	JO. NEWETT	
T. BEST	JOHN WEST.	
EDW: DALTON	MYCHELL GISBE	
THOMAS HOGG	JOHN FFULLER	

June 18 1619

At a vestry holden in the new vestry house on ffriday June the eighteenth 1619 assembled together for the ordering of those things were necessarie for the Church, and the well gouerning of the same were determined and decreed these things ensuing.

Imp^{r}. in that there wanted certayne vestrymen in the Hamlet of Mile end there were chosen to supplie the roomes of them that were wanting, Sr George Phillipott[1] of Mileendgreene Knight and John ffuller of Stepney

Itm, yt is ordered and decreed att the said vestry and meting, that the Churchwardens of the p̣ish and euery of them vpon the first Sunday of euery moneth after euening praier of the same day with the vestrymen of the said p̣ish shall assemble together to conferre of those things that are expedient and necessary for the Church and for the acounting for those monies that monethlie shall be deriued by any

married Judith Linford, and was buried May 1, 1634; his wife was buried March 30, 1643. A namesake lived in the same street, a shipwright and probably his son, who was buried March 16, 1642.—Stepney Registers.

[1] Sir George Phillipot, or Philpot, a descendant of a distinguished family dating back to Sir John Phillipot, who was Mayor of London in 1378. They may have been connected with the family of Philpot, who held the manor of Mile End in the reign of Richard III., but at this date they belonged to Compton, near Winchester. This Sir George was attached to the Court, and was knighted at Hampton Court in the autumn of 1606; his wife, Dame Elizabeth, was buried at Stepney, July 11, 1616.—State Papers, Domestic, 1620-22; Metcalfe's Knights; Brit. Mus. Add. MS. 5524, pp. 76, 86, 96 (for rough pedigree); Stepney Registers; Lyson's Environs.

assessem^{t} or other meanes whatsoeuer vnto them, the said monethlie meeting and assemblie to be held att the time apointed by the persons in the Instrum^{t} for the establishing of the vestry contayned and the first meting to begin on the first sunday of the moneth of Julie next folowing in this present yeare 1619 and so to continew as is formerlie decreed.

GEO GOULDMAN Vicca^{r}

Itm. It is ordered and decreed att the said vestry and meeting that the Pewes in the middle of the Church and toward the south ranging all along by the middle Isle of the Church shall be made new acording to the new pewes formerlie made vnder the gallerie.

Itm. that the roofe ouer the vestrie of the Church shalbe altered and laid otherwise whereby the two windowes wch are dammed vp may be opened to geue light to the Church.

Itm. that the Pewes vpon the North side of the Church frō the east end to the partition of the Chancell shalbe made new acording to those of the other side of the said chancell, and the rest from thence to the north dore be in some sufficient and convenient maner repayred.

Itm. that there shalbe a diuision with a paire of gates made at the lower end of the Church vnder the Belfree, that being shut continuallie yt may preuent the hurt wch might otherwise come to the Church.

Itm. that the porches one vpon the South side the other vpon the North side be repaired the ffloores made euen and paued and the glasse windowes amended

Itm. for the effecting and performing of these things and the defrayeng of these charges It is further ordered and decreed that euery man shall pay vnto the Churchwardens one whole yeares taxe of Puage mony, and the said taxe to be made and rated by the Churchwardens ioyntlie together, and to be leuied and imposed acording to assessm^{t} made by the churchwardens vpon the Pewes.

Itm. yt is agreed that those Churchwardens to whom vpon acounts geuen the church is in debted shalbe satisfied and paid those monies are due to them.

GEO GOULDMAN Vicca^{r}	EDW. EDGEWORTHE Curat:
JOHN GREAVES	ROGER GUNSTON
RICHARD NOTTINGHAM.	JO: DAUIS
RICHARD PHILIP his marke.	RAPHE BRADSHAWE
T. BEST	MIGHELL. GEERE
WI^{ll} IVEY	MATHEW WOODCOTT
NIC^{s} DIGGINS	THOMAS MILTON his marke
EDWARD CHANDLE(R)	THOMAS JOHNSON
JOHN WEST	THOMAS HOGG
JO. NEWETT	MYCHELL GISBE
WILLIĀ HIAT by his marke	AUSTEN BADECOKE (*mark*)
ROBART RICKMAN	

July 4th 1619

At a vestry holden on Sunday the day and yeare aboue written forasmuch as Hugh Pym of Popler chosen formerlie Sidemā for the said Hamlet is so visited wth sickness as he is vnfitt for the execuēon of the said office therefore the Minister wth the rest of the vestry men then assembled haue chosen and elected Thomas Wilson of Popler to serue in the Office of Sideman the rest of the yeare ensuing.

24th daye of Appril 1620

At a vestarye holden the daye & yeare abouesaide those churchwardens are to accompte for their accomptes for the yeares herevnder sett downe

popler ..	Ezechill Cripes ats william Allon his deputye for two yeares {1611, 1612}
popler ...	Christopher Dives for two yeares accompt {1613, 1614}

popler ...	Martyn Smithe als Thomas Comins for two yeares accompt	1615 1616
popler ...	John Weste to accompt for two years	1617 1618
Mylend ...	Mihell Gisbye for two yeares accompt	1611 1612
Mylend ...	Ellis Ellyot for two yeares	1613 1614
Lymehouse	William Jordan for two yeares accompt	1612 1613
Lymhouse	Robert Rickman for two yeares accompt	1614 1615
Radclife ...	Roger ffrithe for two yeares accompt	1617 1618

At the said vestarye the election of Churche officers to serue for the yeare followinge.

Churchwardens

Mr Roger Gonston	for the Hamlet of Radclife
Mr John Newett	for the Hamlet of Mylende
Mr John More	for the Hamlet of Lymehouse
William hyott	for the Hamlet of Popler

Sidemen for the said hamlets

John Clarke	for Radclife
William Symons	for Lymehouse
Thomas Wheatly[1]	for Mylende
Thomas Wilson	for Popler

Auditors for the former yeares alridye paste

for popler

Mr Gilberd dethick
Mr henry dethick
Mr hyet

[1] Thomas Wheatley, yeoman, of Bethnal Green ; his wife was buried May 4, 1624.

Mylende	Lymehouse	for Radclife
Mr Thomas hogg	Mr Geere	Captaine Beast
Mr Jo Newet	Mr More	Edward dalton

The 24th apprill 1620

Awditors appointed to Awdet the accompts for the yeare 1619

Radclife ...	Mr Robert Kayle Mr Thomas Best	Auditors for 1619
Lymehouse ...	Mr Mihell geere Mr John graves	
popler ...	Mr henrye dethick Mr Tho Comyns	
Mylende ...	John ffuller Mihell gysbye	

GEO. GOULDMAN Vicar	MATHEW WOODCOTT[1]
G. DETHICK	ROBERT RICKMAN
EDW: DALTON	JO. DAUIS
JOHN MOORE	RICHARD NOTTINGHAM
RO: KAYLL	EDWARD CHANDLER
JO. NEWETT	ASTIEN BADECOK (*mark*)
T. BEST	MYCHELL GISBE
M GEERE	

It is ordered that ffor the new Buildinge of the house for the meetinge of the vestrie men in the churchyearde, that the some of thirtye (*six*[2]) fyve pounds (*eight shillings one penny*) shalbe payde out of suche monnyes as are gathered by the churchwardens vnto Mr phillips and Mr ffuller for this yeare as also the some of tenn pounds tenn shillings vnto Richard Nottingham for so muche dew vnto him uppon his

[1] Mathew Woodcot, mariner, of Limehouse, appears here for the last time; his wife, Joan, was buried June 24, 1617, and he himself three years later, on October 23, 1620.—Stepney Registers.

[2] The words in italics are crossed out.

accompt for so muche monny by him layd out which is on the whole xlvj^{li} xviij^{s} in wytnes of the same we haue put to o^{r} hands.

GEO GOULDMAN	T. BEST
GILBERT DETHICK.	EDW DALTON
ROGER GUNSTON	MYCHELL GISBE
RO: KAYLL.	JOHN MOORE

Vestrie hous	29.	07.	9
mor a reste dew to M^{r} fuller for monny dew for the church	07	0	4
	36.	08.	1
To M^{r} fuller for the vestri Hous	21.	10.	7
To Mr Phillip for the vestrie house	7.	17.	2
To M^{r} fuller mor vppon the church accompt	7	0	4
	36.	8.	1
Paid to Richard Phillips in pt of the former somme of 7. 17. 2[1]	6.	17.	0

At a vestry holden in the vestry house in the Church on Munday January the fifeteenth 1620 for the electing and chusing of one Churchwarden for the Hamlet of Limehouse the said Hamlet wanting one by reason of the death of John Moore late elected churchwarden for the said Hamlet, was chosen to serue out the yeare present acording to the

[1] A few words follow here which have for the most part been cut away when the MS. was rebound.

Canons and Constitutions Eccliall Richard Phillips[1] of Limehouse

GEO GOULDMAN. Vicar	EDW: EDGEWORTHE Curat
GEO MARSHALL	THOMAS HOGG
NICH^{s} DIGGENS	JOHN FFULLER
ROBERT RICKMAN	MIGHELL GEERE
WIll IVEY	EDW. DALTON
JOHN GREAVES	MYCHELL GISBE

At a vestry holden in the vestry house of Tuesday Aprill the third 1621 being Tuesday in Easter weeke for the electing of Church officers according to the Canons of the Church in that case prouided, were chosen Churchwardens these persons hereafter named to serue for the yeare folowing in the office of Churchwardens from the feast of the Annuncition of the virgin Mary in the yeare 1621 as foloweth.

for Ratcliffe	Mr John Crane
for Limehouse	Mr Richard Phillips
for Popler.	Thomas Eliot
for Mile end.	Sr John Lee, Knight

Elected for Sidemen att the same vestry and meeting for the same yeare.

for Ratcliffe	Wm Joburne.[2]
for Limehouse.	Wm Simonds.
for Popler.	Tho: Lawes.
for Mileend.	Tho: Wheatly.

[1] Richard Phillips. In the Marriage Register, 1609-1639, at the beginning, is the following interesting note. 'This book was bought by Mr Richd Philips, Churchwarden, Año 1612. Also hee and Mr Gisby built new of their owne chardges the weste Church porch of bricke & stone. He boughte also a new bible & a great parchment book for Christninges besides many other things. He deserveth great comendacons.' He was a yeoman of Limehouse, and deputy churchwarden for Mr. Richard March. The porch above alluded to was the Tuscan monstrosity which may be seen in many old illustrations of the church, but disappeared early in this century. See the Frontispiece.

[2] Wm. Joburne was a baker of Ratcliffe: he later became a vestryman and even churchwarden (1633 and 1634), which is unusual promotion for a sidesman, though it is paralleled in the case of Thos. Hartlie, see pp. 100, 117.—Stepney Registers.

Elected also for Auditors at the same vestry and meeting for the churchwardens accounts for the yeare passed, together wth the minister according to the Cannon.

for Ratcliffe	for Limehouse
Mr Robt Kayle.	Mr Michaell Geere
Mr Thomas Best	Mr John Graues.
for Popler.	**for Mile end.**
Mr Henry Dethick	John Fuller
Mr Thomas Comins.	Michaell Gisby.

Also It is ordered and decreed at the said vestry and meting that all those monies wch hereafter shalbe collected and gathered at the communion table commonlie called mony for the poore shall from time to time and at all times ensuing immediatelie after any such collection made be put into the chest in the vestry house and that immediatelie the said chest be brought into the said vestrie house in the church that the said monies so collected may be thereinto put from time to time and other things that by the Canons of the Church are to be there reserued & kept.

Itm, it is also ordered att the said vestry that whereas there is behind and vnpaid to the Keper of the Regester bookes the summe of 4^{li} for two yeares last past vizt xl^{s} p annū, wch summe of xl^{s} p annū was formerlie paid from time to time by the Churchwarden of Ratcliffe, that therefore the said 4^{li} shalbe immediatelie paid vnto the said Keper of the Regesters by the said Churchwarden of Ratcliffe and the said summe of xl^{s} yearlie to the same end and purpose to be yearlie paid as before and at the time before

GEO GOULDMAN Vicca^{r}
EDW: EDGEWORTHE
Curat:
T. BEST
THOMAS HOGG
J. NEWETT
JOHN GREAVES
MYCHELL GISBE

vsed by the churchwarden of Ratcliffe for the time being.

Itm. it is then ordered and decreed that widow Croft shall haue and enioy the chamber in the church yard wherein mother Loxlie deceased latlie dwelled, during the time that she shall well and orderlie & quietlie demeane her selfe.

RICHARD PHILIPS (*mark*)
JOHN FFULLER
Wm HIAT (*mark*)

Itm at the said vestry were chosen for vestry men for the Hamlet of Limehouse, Mr Michaell Meriall,[1] Mr Walter Whiting,[2] Mr Wm. Cock[3] Mr John Bennet.[4] And for the hamlet of Mile end Mr Humfry Robinson[5] of Bednalgreene.

GEO GOULDMAN Viccar
T BEST
THOMAS HOGG
JO. NEWETT[6]
JOHN GREAVES

GEO GOULDMAN
T. BEST
JO. NEWETT
THOMAS HOGG
EDW. EDGEWORTHE Curat:
JOHN GREAVES
MYCHELL GISBE
Wm HIAT (*mark*)

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[1] Michael Merriall is best known to fame by the monument which he erected to the memory of his mother-in-law, which still is to be seen in Stepney Church. The monument contains three kneeling figures; above, Elizabeth Startute, with this inscription: 'In memory of Elizabeth, widow of Richard Startute, citizen & fishmonger of London, who had issue by him 3 sons & four daughters. After 16 years spent with him remaining 34 years his widow: In Life and Death a constant example of true vertue, and sweetly slept in the Lord, Dec. 5, 1620, Ætat. suæ 74.' Below are the figures of Merriall and his wife, with this inscription: 'Captain Michael Merriall & Clare, his wife, eldest daughter of the abovenamed Elizabeth Startute, erected this monument as a testimony of hir virtu & their lov. This life is a wareart. Lord Jesus, come quickly. Rev. 20.'

[2] Walter Whiting was a Captain in the East India Company's Service, and in June, 1625, received a 'gratification' of £20.—State Papers, Colonial, E.I.C.

[3] William Cock was buried August 23, 1625.—Stepney Registers.

[4] Mr. John Bennet, of Limehouse, mariner and waterman, was twice married at least, viz., on March 9, 162⅞, to Margaret Matthews, and on November 16, 1631, to Jane Thwaites, widow, of Ratcliffe. He was buried March 2, 1638.—Stepney Registers.

[5] Humphrey Robinson, a merchant of Bethnal Green, an original member and constantly on the Committee of the East India Company, and very busy in all their affairs.—State Papers, Colonial, E.I.C.

[6] John Newett was a merchant of Mile End, who was drowned from the ship *London* as she lay at Ratcliffe, and was buried August 4, 1632.—Stepney Registers.

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on Munday Julij 9 1621 It was ordered that forasmuch as there was a want of an Auditor in the Hamlet of Ratcliffe by reason of some extraordinarie occasions that hindred one formerlie chosen, that therefore Mr Thomas Best & Mr Thomas Milton were apointed to auditt the account of Mr Roger Gunston late churchwarden for the said Hamlett of Ratcliffe.

EDW: EDGEWORTHE Curat:	WILLIAM COCKE
NYCHOLAS DYGGENS	JOHN CRANE
EDW. DALTON	JOHN FFULLER
RYCHARD NOTTINGHAM	

1 At a vestry holden in the vestry house on wednesday Januarij 23. 1621 It was ordered and decreed for the auditing of Mr Gunstons account that Edward Edgeworthe Curate, Mr Thomas Best, Mr John Dauies, Mr Richard Nottinghā Mr Edward Dalton should repaire vnto his house and there in respect of his infirmitie to auditt and receiue his account and after the account so audited and taken to bring the same account into the vestry house to be perused and alowed by the vestry men.

2 Itm It is likewise ordered and decreed that Mr John Newett shall haue warning geven him by the Churchwarden of Mile end to bring in his account into the vestryhouse on Tuesday ffebruarij 5° att one of the Clock in the afternoone of the same day to be perused and audited by the vicar and vestrymen

3 Itm. yt is likewise ordered and decreed that Mr Richard Philips shall call for the account of Mr Raffe Bradshaw late churchwarden deceased and bring them vnto the vestry house to be perused and allowed by the vicar, and vestrymen. And also that Mr Richard Philips shall bring in the accounts of such monies as he receiued in the Hamlett of Limehouse for the yeare wherein Mr John Moore deceased was churchwarden, and collected by the said Richard Philips, and both

these on Tuesday ffebuarij 5° att the time aforenamed to be perused audited and alowed by the vicar & vestrymen.

4 Itm yt is also then ordered and decreed that the churchwardens wch now are nor the churchwardens wch hereafter shalbe elected for the time being shall not att any time hereafter in the weeke called Rogacon weeke for the three dayes wch they walke the perambulacon expend upon their dinners in those three daies aboue the summe of eight pounds. But if they or any of them shall dispend or lay out aboue the said summe of eight pounds yt shalbe at his or theire proper costs and charges and out of his or theire owne purse. And yt is also ordered that the said eight pounds shalbe annuallie thus expended vizt Limehouse on Munday to haue the allowance of forty shillings for expence Ratcliffe on Tuesday three pounds for expence Mile end and Popler on wednesday three pounds for theire expence wch maketh the said full summe of eight pounds so formertie alowed.

GEO GOULDMAN Viccar		HENRY DETHICK
EDW. EDGEWORTHE Curat:		MYCHELL MERYALL
JOHN FFULLER	Church-wardens.	JO WEST
JOHN CRANE		JO. DAUIS
THOMAS ELLET		WILLIAM COCK
RICHARD PHILIPS by his mark		JO BENNETT
T. BEST		RICHARD NOTTINGHAM

At a vestrye howlden in the newe vestry howse on Tuesday the 5th of ffebruary 1621 Assembled together for theordringe of those things were necessary for the Church and the well governinge of the same were determened and decreed these things in sueinge

Itm. it is ordered & decreed at the sayede vestrie and meetinge that the Pewes in the midell of the Churche and Towards the South Runinge all alonge by the midell Ile of the

Church shalbe made newe accordinge to the newe pewes formerlie vnder the gallery

Itm. that the Roofe over the vestry in the Church shalbe altred and layed otherwayes, whearby the twoe wyndowes wch ar damned vpp maye be opened to give light to the Church.

Itm that the pewes vpon the north syde of the Churche from the Est end to the ꝑtiscion of the Chancell shalbe made newe acording to those of the other syde of sayede Chancell. And the rest from thence to the northe dore be in some sufficient & convenyent maner repared.

Itm for theffectinge & ꝑforeminge of thiese things and the defrayinge of thiese things, one whole years taxe of Puege monye. And the sayede taxe to be made & rated by the Church wardens Joyntly to gether and to be levied and imposed Accordinge to Assecmente made by the Churche wardens vpon the pewes

And also that all the oute landlords that howlds lands that the tennants shal paye a grote An acco^r towards the leadinge and reppare of the Churche.

GEO GOULDMAN Vicca^r	JOHN CRANE
NIC^o DIGGENS	THOMAS HOGG
JOHN GREAVES	WILLIAM COCK
T BEST	JO: DAUIS
JOHN FFULLER	RICHARD NOTTINGHAM
RICHARD PHILLIPS (*mark*)	JOHN BENNETT

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on ffriday Aprill 26 1622 being friday in Easter weeke for the electing of Church officers according to the Canons of the Church in this case prouided were chosen Churchwardens these persons hereafter named and elected againe to serue for the yeare folowing in the Office of Churchwardens according to the Custome of the

pish vizt ffrom the feast of Th' Annunciacon of the virgin Mary in the yeare 1622

for Ratcliffe	Mr John Crane
for Limehouse	Mr Richard Philips
for Popler	Mr Thomas Eliott
for Mile end	Mr John ffuller, for Sr John Lee.

Elected also for Sidemen to serue for the said yeare att the said vestry & meeting whereof three remaine chosen againe

for Ratcliffe	Wm Joburne
for Limehouse	Wm Simonds
for Popler	Tho: Law
for Mile end	Wm Hayward.

Elected also for Auditors att the same vestry and meeting for the Churchwardens accounts for the yeare passed together wth the minister according to the Canon.

for Ratcliffe	for Limehouse
Mr Dalton	Mr Steuens
Mr Dauies	Mr Bennet
for Popler	**for Mile end**
Mr Gilb: Dethick	Mr Hogge.
Mr John West	Mr Gisby.

It is also ordered and decreed that toward the satisfieng of the Joyner for his worke performed and to be performed, and for the doing and performing of other worke about the Church euery Inhabitant in the pish who is rated and assessed to the poore shall paye vnto the Churchwardens one third part of such assessm^{t} and so much mony as shalbe proportionable to the said third part, and all outdwellers occupieng land in the said pish to pay accordinglie, to be

gathered and collected by the Churchwardens and Sidemen now formerlie elected

GEO GOULDMAN Vicca[1]	GILBERT DETHICK
EDW. EDGEWORTHE	T. BEST
Curat:	EDW: DALTON
JO: DAUIS	EDWARD STEUENS
WILLIAM COCKE	JN° BENNETT
THOMAS HOGG	MYCHELL GISBE
JOHN FFULLER	JOHN CRANE
THOMAS ELLET	RICHARD PHILIPS by his marke
Wm HIATT by his marke	HUMFREJ ROBINSON

ffebruary 2 1622

At a vestrie holden in the vestry house on Sunday ffebruarie the second 1622 whereas diuers vestry men were wanting for the hamlett of Mile end and Bednalgreene. It was ordered that these persons hereafter named should be held and reputed for vestry men for the said hamletts in the supplie of those were wanting, Mr Nicholas Crispe Mr Ellis Eliott Mr Wm James Mr John Frend & Mr Walter Cooke.[1]

Also for the Hamlett of Popler for to supplie the want of vestry men were chosen these persons folowing Mr Thomas Blathwayt and Mr George Cullimer[2]

EDW: EDGEWORTHE Curat.	JOHN WEST
EDW: DALTON	JN° BENNETT
ROGER GUNSTON	RICHARD PHILLIPES (*mark*)
MYCHELL MERRYALL	JOHN FFULLER
WILLIAM COCK	JOHN CRANE
THO: COMINES	THOMAS ELLET

[1] Walter Cooke, a Master-assistant of the Navy, and a Master of Trinity House.—State Papers, Domestic.

[2] George Cullimer was a draper of Poplar. In 1614 he applied for an appointment in the East India Company's service, and is commended for a very honest and sufficient man: is objected to 'only for this exception,' being a married man; but the Company promise to 'entertain him if he brings some of his wife's friends to speak for him.' After all, however, the Company decided not to employ him as their factor or agent, and ordered the reasons for their decision to be kept secret. His wife was buried July 16, 1625.—State Papers, Colonial, E.I.C.; Stepney Registers.

ffebruary 9 1622

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on Sunday ffebruarij 9° 1622 the motion for the erecting of a new pulpitt wth a seat for the Reader convenient thereto acording to a modell presented to the said vestry is liked and alowed of by the said vestrieman so assembled and It is ordered and decreed in the said vestry that the said pulpit & seat shalbe decentlie sett vp & finished in substantiall maner in or nere the place where the seat where the Reader of diuine seruice now sitteth standeth att the charge of the whole pish and to be done wth as much convenient speed as may be by the Churchwardens.

EDW. EDGEWORTHE	WALTER COOKE
Curat: ibm	Wm JAMES
ROBT KAYLL	RYCHARD NOTTINGHAM
EDW: DALTON	THO: COMINES
JO: DAUIES	RICHARD PHILLIPES (*mark*)
THOMAS HOGG	JOHN FFULLER
WILLIAM COCK	JOHN CRANE
JOHN WEST	THOMAS ELLET
MYCHELL MERRYALL	

Aprill 14 1623

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on Munday Aprill 14 1623, being Munday in Easter weeke for the electing of Church officers according to the Canons of the Church in that case prouided were chosen Churchwardens these persons hereafter named to serue for the yeare ensuing in the Office of Churchwardens according to the custome of the pish, vizt from the feast of Th' Annunciacon of the virgin Mary in the yeare 1623

for Ratcliffe	Mr Edward Dalton
for Limehouse	Mr John Bennett
for Popler	Thomas Railton
for Mile end	Mr Walter Cooke

Elected also for Sidemen to serue for the said yeare, att the said vestry & meeting

for Ratcliffe	Thomas Hartly[1]
for Limehouse	Daniell Bexley[2]
for Popler	John Watts
for Mile end	John Robinson

Elected also for Auditors att the said vestry and meeting for the Churchwardens accounts for the yeare passed together wth the minister according to the Canon.,

for Ratcliffe	for Limehouse
Mr Gunston	Captaine Geere
Mr Dauies	Mr Graues
for Popler	**for Mile end**
Mr Gilbert Dethick	Mr Hogge
Mr John West	Mr Gisby

GEO GOULDMAN Vicca^r^	RICHARD PHILIPES by his marke
EDW: EDGEWORTHE Curat.	RO: KAYLL
RICHARD NOTTINGHAM	EDW: DALTON
MYCHELL MERYALL	MIGHELL GEERE.
JOHN GREAVES	ROGER GUNSTON,
JOH: FREND	JO: DAUIS
JOHN CRANE[3]	JN^o^ BENNETT
THOMAS ELLET	THOMAS HOGG
JOHN FFULLER	WALTER COOKE

[1] Thomas Hartly, yeoman of Ratcliffe, became later churchwarden to fill the place vacated by Mr. Robert Bell, and his half year of office was productive of much quarrelling (see below, p. 117). His wife was buried October 20, 1630.—Stepney Registers.

[2] Daniel Bexley was a shipwright of Limehouse. On February 13, 1625, he married the widow of Nicholas Neltrapp (see above, p. 71), and he was buried December 6, 1628.—Stepney Registers.

[3] The last appearance of John Crane, pulley-maker of Ratcliffe Highway. He married Hester Cheston May 20, 1588, and was buried November 8, 1625.—Stepney Registers.

Jan 21 1623

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on Wednsday Jan: 21 1623 It was ordered and decreed that whereas certaine vestrymen are wanting in the Hamlett of Ratcliffe & elsewhere in the ꝑish, by the death of some therefore were elected and chosen for vestrymen in their stead Mr John Bridges of Stepney and Mr Robert Salmon[1] of Whitehorse street, and for Popler Mr Wm Burrell, and for Mile end Mr George Conquest[2] and Mr Robert Bell[3] of Ratcliffe

GEO GOULDMAN Vicca^{r}	JN^{o} BENNETT
RO: KAYL	THOMAS RAYLTON (*mark*)
EDW: DALTON.	JO: DAUIS
M. GEERE,	THO BLATHWAYTE
T BEST	THO: COMINES
HENRY DETHICK	WALTER WHITING
WALTER COOK	JOHN WEST
WILLIAM COCKE	

Februarij 9° 1623.

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on Munday ffebruary 9th 1623 It was then & there ordered and decreed that the Churchwardens shall wth all convenient speed call

[1] Robert Salmon, of Ratcliffe, was a merchant, and a prominent member and director of the East India Company, constantly busy in the management of their affairs, and evidently a man of much substance and repute. In 1618 he petitioned the Privy Council for redress against the Dutch, claiming £900 damages, and four years later he seems to have got some satisfaction, as the Dutch repaid him for his losses the sum of 3,000 guilders, equal to £250. He was connected with the Vassall family, by marrying Joan, daughter of John Vassall, February 26, 16$\frac{19}{20}$ (see above, p. 16). Later he became one of the Masters of the Trinity House.—State Papers, Domestic and Colonial.

[2] George Conquest, a merchant of Mile End Green, and a petitioner for the Adventurers Company.—State Papers, Colonial.

[3] Robert Bell was one of the earliest and chief members of the East India Company, and very active in the direction of its affairs. He left the parish in 1626, rather in disgrace with the vestry, but elsewhere his reputation continued to increase both at Court and in the business world, and he was knighted in 1630. He had done good service in building ships for the navy and in crushing piracy, while at Court he had been appointed a gentleman of the Privy Chamber, and in 1619 had the privilege of lending £900 to Prince Charles.—State Papers, Domestic and Colonial, E.I.C.

vpon the Executors of Roger Gunston late Churchwarden of Ratcliffe and the Executors of John Newett late Churchwarden of Milend to bring in the accounts of the said Roger Gunston and John Newett to be examined by the vestry, wch if they the sayd Executors shall refuse to do, then yt is likewise ordered that the Churchwardens shall take such course by law as may be fittest to compell the said Executors to produce bring forth and deliuer vp into the vestry the said accounts.

It is also further then ordered and decreed that the Churchwardens that now are shall satisfie and pay vnto Robert Lenton Joyner all such monies as are due vnto him ether in respect of the Pulpitt or of any pewes formerlie made in the Church by him being the summe of xx^li^, and if yt shall happen that the said Churchwardens shall expend more then by pewage mony or other duties shall be receaued by them, then yt is ordered that the succeeding churchwardens shall satisfie and discharge vnto them all such monies as vpon their seuerall accounts audited shall remaine due vnto them

GEO GOULDMAN Vicca^r^	THOMAS RAYLTON	(*mark*)
EDW: EDGEWORTHE	RO: KAYLL	
Curat:	JOH: FREND	
EDW: DALTON	WILLIAM COCK	
WALTER COKE	RICHARD PHILIPS	(*mark*)
JN^o^ BENNETT	JOHN FFULLER	

March 30 1624

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on Tuesday march 30, 1624 being tuesday in Easterweeke for the electing of Church Officers according to the Canons of the Church in that case prouided, were chosen churchwardens these persons herevnder named and elected againe to serue for the yeare folowing in the office of Churchwardens according

to the Custome of the ꝑish vizt from the feast of the Annunciacon of the virgin Mary in the yeare 1624

for Ratcliffe	Mr Edward Dalton
for Limehouse	Mr John Bennett
for Popler	Thomas Raylton
for Mile end	Mr Walter Cooke.

Elected also for Sidemen anew according to the custome of the ꝑish these persons ensuing

for Ratcliffe	Thomas Hartly
for Limehouse	Wm Simonds for Daniell Bexley
for Popler	John Watte
for Mile end	John Robinson[1]

Elected also for Auditors att the said vestry and meeting for the Churchwardens account for the yeare passed together wth the minister according to the Canon.

for Ratcliffe	for Limehouse
Mr Thomas Best	Mr Wm Cocke
Mr Robt Salmon	Mr Walter Whiting
for Popler	**for Milend**
Mr Thomas Blaythwayt	Mr Thomas Hogge
Mr George Cullimer	Mr John ffrend

GEO GOULDMAN Viccar	RO: SALMON
EDW: EDGEWORTHE	JNo BENNETT
Curat:	JO: DAUIS
T. BEST	WALTER COKE
EDW: DALTON	WILLIAM COCK

Aprill 29 1625

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on Tuesday Aprill 19 1625 being Tuesday in Easter weeke for the Electing of Church officers according to the Canons of the

[1] John Robinson, yeoman of Mile End, was later appointed to the office of parish clerk (see p. 109). He was buried on June 26, 1627.—Stepney Registers.

Church in that case made & prouided, were chosen Churchwardens these persons hereafter named to serue for the yeare ensuing in the Office of Churchwardens acording to the custom of the said pish vizt from the feast of Th' Annunciacon of the virgin mary in the yeare 1625

for Ratcliffe	Mr Robert Bell.
for Limehouse	Mr Richard Bromfeild[1]
for Popler	Mr Henry Riuers[2]
for Mile end	Mr George Conquest.

Elected also for sidemen to serue for the said yeare att the said vestry and meeting

for Ratcliffe	Thomas Hartly.
for Limehouse	William Beaton[3]
for Popler	Walter Mounford[4]
for Mile end	John Robinson.

Elected also for Auditors att the said vestry & meeting, for the Churchwardens accounts for the yeare passed together wth the minister according to the Canon.

in Ratcliffe	in Limehouse
Mr Tho Best	Mr Wm Cock.
Mr Robert Salmon	Mr John Graues.
in Popler.	**in Mile end**
Mr Comins	Mr Tho Hogge.
Mr Geo Cullimer	Mr Jo ffrend.

Itm whereas there are certaine vestrymen wanting in the hamlett of Limehouse, these persons folowing are elected &

[1] Richard Bromfeild, mariner of Limehouse, appears once or twice in the minutes of the East India Company, partly in his capacity of churchwarden 1626 and 1627, and partly as a private petitioner on behalf of his daughter, the widow of Captain Browne, who died in the service of the Company.—State Papers, Colonial, E.I.C.

[2] Henry Rivers, mariner of Poplar.—Stepney Registers.

[3] William Beaton, mariner of Limehouse.—Stepney Registers.

[4] Walter Mountfort, gent., of Poplar, married by license on September 27, 1624, Frances Wund, of Poplar, widow.—Stepney Registers.

chosen in the said vestry to supplie the roome of vestry men. vizt Mr Richard Bromfeild and Mr Anthony Touching[1]

Itm. whereas great Inconvenience ariseth by reason of the multiplieng of burialls in certaine places neere the church, to the great annoyance of the pish and danger of future infection, and for that there is space enough in other places wth lesse inconvenience where fewer bodies have bene buried It is therefore ordered & decreed by the vicar & vestrymen then & there assembled, that the burialls hereafter and graues hereafter to be digged by the sexton shalbe on the north side of the Church begining at the Elmes and so to range along westward by the pales and as neere as convenientlie may be not presuming to come or digge w^th^in seauenteene yards of the church wall. Then those places filled the graues are to be digged on the south side begining at the east part so to range along westward by the mudwall on the south pt of the Church yard kepeing the same distance from the south wall of the church as was before prescribed on the north side. And if the Sexton shall presume to digge and bury any bodie or bodies w^th^in the places prohibited and contrary to this former act & decree att any time or times after this present vestry, that then the sexton shall be fined for the said offences and breach of this decree, at the discretion of the vicar and vestrymen.

Also att the said vestry and meeting, whereas Mary Oswell and Elizabeth Scott of Ratcliffe are chosen to be searchers of the dead bodies in the Hamlett of Ratcliffe in case & feare of Contagion of sicknes now suspected. And Joane Hassam and Rose Write of Limehouse are chosen to be searchers of the dead bodies in the Hamlett of Limehouse in

[1] Anthony Tutchin, 'of Limehouse, mariner,' was married at Stepney by license on November 23, 1607, to Margaret Chapman, of Limehouse, widow. In 1625 he was in command of a ship 'lent to the French.' In the year following he appears as a Master-assistant of the Navy, and later as a Master of Trinity House. His name is found among the Royal Commissioners on naval affairs in the report dated September 16, 1630. He was buried at Stepney, January 27, 1643.—State Papers, Domestic; Stepney Registers.

Case aforesaid It is ordered and decreed att the said vestry that the said Mary & Elizabeth in the hamlett of Ratcliffe & the said Joane & Rose in the hamlett of Limehouse shall receiue the summe of foure pence a peece by the householder for the said vew and serch, and if the householders be not able to satisfie & pay yt, then the said summe of foure pence a peece is to be paid by the Churchwardens or Collectors for the poore for the time being

Itm whereas other Hamletts in o^r^ said pish haue not yett any searchers named by the order & consent of the said vestry yt is decreed that such searchers as shalbe hereafter chosen in the said Hamletts so wanting shall performe such maner of seruice and receiue in theire seuerall hamletts and in the same maner the aforesaid reward for their paines.

GEO GOULDMAN	JOHN GREAVES	
EDW: EDGEWORTHE	JOHN BRIDGES	
Curat ibm	JOHN FFULLER	
GILBERT DETHICK.	RICH PHILIPS	(*mark*)
M. GEERE.	JOH: FREND	
RO: KAYLL	EDW: DALTON	
T. BEST	THO: RAYLTON	(*mark*)
JN^o^ BENNETT	RYCHARD: NOTTINGHAM	
WALTER COKE		

Julij 24 1625

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on Sunday Julij 24 1625 It was ordered and decreed that whereas there was formerlie made a decree that the Sexton should bury none w^th^in 17 yards of the church wall, now for as much as the multitude of burialls increaseth yt is ordered that the Sexton may hereafter bury in any place in the church yard prouided that he bury none w^th^in 7 yards of the church wall ether on the south or north side or at the east and west end of the

church but to containe himself wthin the places wthout that libertye & measure.

EDW EDGEWORTHE. Curat ibm	HENRY RIVERS
JN^{o} BENNETT	JOHN BRIDGES
THOMAS HOGG	JOHN GREAVES
GEO: CONQUEST	JOHN FFULLER
R BROMFILD.	THOMAS ELLET

August 7 1625

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on Sunday August 7th 1625 It was ordered & decreed in maner and forme folowing that whereas certaine dwelling about Stepney take vp on them to be common bearers of such as die of the pestilence and other diseases, and that wthout order and deputation and further do exact cruelly of men for the bearing of the dead to the ground, such summes of mony as are no wayes sufferable. It is therefore ordered that the said bearers may yet continue theire said bearing as formerlie prouided that they content themselues wth such satisfacc̃on and paymt as in this order is expressed. If they shall beare any bodie from Ratcliffe or any part thereof, from Limehouse or any part thereof from Mile end or Bednalgreene or any part therof then to haue for the bearing of the bodies of such as are not able to pay for themselues foure pence a peece, for such as are able to pay for themselues sixe pence a peece and for any that shall make vse of the Church Cloth eight pence a peece, and if yt be a bodie that two of them may cary, then onlie two to haue the alowance for that bodie & no more: But if they shall cary any bodie from Popler or Blackwall or any part thereof, from wentworth street Peticoat lane Spittlefeilds Cock lane Collier Row or any part thereof then to haue for the bearing of the bodies of such as are not able to pay for themselues six pence a peece, for such as are able to pay for themselues eight pence a peece, and for any that shall make vse of the Church cloth twelue pence

a peece, and if yt be a bodie as formerlie that two of them may cary, then onlie two to haue the alowance for that bodie & no more. It is further ordered that from henceforth to the end thay may be knowne to be common bearers of those who die of the plague, they shall go wthout cloakes and cary red wands in theire hands that euery one may take notice of them. And yt is also ordered that the Sexton shall forthwth prouide red wands for them and by the apointment of the vestry to deliuer them vnto them that they may carie and order themselues according to this decree.

EDW: EDGEWORTH Curat:	JOHN BRIDGES
ROBERTT BELL	JOHN GREAVES
JO: DAUIS	R BROMFILD.
GEO: CONQUEST	JOHN FFULLER

October 9 1625

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on Sunday Octob^{r} the ninth whereas the Hamlett of Limehouse is destitute of a Sideman by the death of Wm Beaton formerlie chosen Sideman for the said Hamlett, yt is now ordered and decreed that william Simonds of Limehouse shall serue as sideman & execute the said office for the residue of the yeare ensuing.

EDW: EDGEWORTHE Curat: ibm	RYCHARD: NOTTINGHAM
	THOMAS HOGGE
ROBERTT BELL	JOHN GREAVES
GEO: CONQUEST	HENRIJ RIVERS
JOHN BRIDGES	

January 23 1625

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on Munday January 23 1625 for the electing and Chusing of a pish Clerke for the pish Church of Stepney, the said Clerkeship being then void by the death of Robert Mason[1] late Clearke of the pish of Stepney aforesaid, was elected and Chosen by

[1] Robert Mason, parish clerk, was buried October 23, 1625.—Stepney Registers.

the most pt of the vestry then assembled, in the presence and by the Approbacon & consent of doctor Gouldman vicar of the said pish, John Robinson of Mileend to execute and performe the said office of pish Clerke from the said election during his naturall life (yf he shall well and honestlie therein demean himselfe) and to haue and enioy all the emolum^{ts} and profitts thereto in anywise appertayning. And in testimony therof the said vicar and vestrymen haue herevnto theire hands subscribed

GEO GOULDMAN Vica^{r}	EDW: DALTON
EDW: EDGEWORTHE curat	RO: SALMON
T. BEST	JO: DAUIS
THOMAS HOGG	GEO: CONQUEST Churchwarden
WALTER COKE	R BROMFILD.
JOHN BRIDGES	HENRY RIVERS Churchward
WILLIAM COCKE	RYCHARD: NOTTINGHAM
JOHN FFULLER	JOH: FREND
WILLIAM HYATTE (*mark*)	

Also att the said vestry yt was agreed and concluded that William Ambrose[1] of Stepney shall keepe and engrosse the Register bookes for Mariages Christnings and Burialls and to receaue therefore yearlie the iust summ of fortie shillinges to be paid by the Churchwardens according as formerlie they haue paid yt vnto the Keeper of the said Registry to wch we are content to subscribe our hands att the request of doctor Gouldman our vicar,

GEO GOULDMAN Vica^{r}	JOHN FFULLER
RO: KAYL	JOH: FREND
EDW DALTON	WILLIAM COCK

[1] William Ambrose afterwards became parish clerk (see p. 121), and was buried February 28, 1637. He is described in the Burial Register as 'vir pius et doctus'—a man of piety and learning.—Stepney Registers.

T. BEST
ROBERTT BELL
JN° BENNETT
RO: SALMON
GEO. CONQUEST
WALTER COKE
THOMAS HOGGE
RYCHARD: NOTTINGHAM
JOHN BRIDGES
WILLIAM HIETT (*mark*)
R BROMFILD.

Itm Att the sayed vestry holden the said 23 of January It was ordered and decreed that the foure Churchwardens for the present being, together with diuers other of the Cheife Inhabitants namelie Mr John Bridges, Mr Thomas Best, Mr Edward Dalton, Mr John Fuller shall immediatelie with all convenient speed take order for the spedy purchasing of one parcell of ground for to make a churyard or place of Buriall, and likewise prouide that the now Churchyard be spedilie earthed ouer for the preuention of such noysome sents as may arise from the graues and bodies there buried, Also It is thought fitt that together wth the Churchwardens and the foure abouenamed Mr Henry Dethicke of Popler Mr John Bennett, Mr William Cock, of Limehouse Mr Walter Cooke of Mile end or any three, foure or fiue of them shall ioyne together for the spedie execution & fulfulling of this decree

Itm. yt is agreed that whereas the Curate, Clerke & Sexton do hold certaine Roomes ouer the vestry house in the Churchyard the said romes vpon the death and decease of them or any of them shall for euer after remaine vnto the pish to the vse of the poore, prouided that during the time that they shall enioy the said Roomes they and euery of them shall manetaine and repaire the said Roomes att theire owne proper costs and charges. But this decree shall not extend to confirme the said Roomes vnto the Curate Clerke & Sexton vnles they and euery of them do continue in the said places and offices, and in case they shall leaue theire present offices, then this graunt made vnto them to be merelie

void & the said Roomes to remaine to the pish to the vse aforesaid and in maner aforesaid.

GEO GOULDMAN Vica^{r}	THOMAS HOGG
T BEST	JOH: FREND
ROBERTT BELL	JN^{o} BENNETT
RO: SALMON	HENRY RIVERS
GEO: CONQUEST	R BROMFILD
HENRY DETHICK	JOHN BRIDGES

January 30 1625

It was ordered and decreed in the vestry house the day and yeare aboue written that whereas there was an order formerlie made for the spedy purchasing of a new peece of ground for a Churchyard or place of Buriall & for the grauelling ouer of the old Churchyard and to that end there were diuers persons nominated together wth the churchwardens to se the performance & execution of the same. Now forasmuch as the same business requireth more speedie fullfilling It is thought fitt & so decreed that the Churchwardens or any two or three of them together wth any two, three, or foure of the persons in the former order named shall vpon friday next being the third day of the moneth of ffebruary next att two of the Clock in the afternoone meet together to determine and prouide for such place of ground where sand and grauell may be digged that the churchyard may be speedilie earthed ouer, and shall then conclude when and att what times after to meet for the forwarding and more speedie execution of the said worke. And likewise shall vse the same Care & diligence for the spedie purchasing of a new place of Buriall

Item. yt is further ordered and decreed that the Churchwardens shall bring in such monies as they haue receaued any wayes for Church duties to be expended toward the effecting the businesses aforenamed. and that within the

Compasse of such convenient time that the business by theyre neglect suffer no hindrance

Itm whereas there is a want of diuers vestrymen in the seuerall hamletts It is ordered & decreed that these persons hereafter named shall be and supplie the place of vestrymen in stead of those that are wanting, in Limehouse, Mr George Walker,[1] in Popler Mr George Smith[2] in Mile end & Bednalgreene Mr Randolph Wetwood[3] Mr Nicholas Diggens[4] Mr Wm Palmer, Mr Edw Edgeworthe & Mr William Pyatt[5]

GEO GOULDMAN Vicar	T. BEST
EDW: EDGEWORTHE curat:	EDW: DALTON
	THOMAS HOGG
WALTER COKE	HENRIJ DETHICK
JNO BENNETT	JOHN FFULLER
GEORGE WALKER	JOHN BRIDGES
RANDALL WETTWOOD	R BROMFILD
GEORGE CULLYMER	JOHN GREAUES
THOMAS ELLET	HENRY RIVERS
WILLIAM HIAT his marke	MYCHELL GISBE
	NICHOLAS DYCKENS
JOH: FREND	ANTHONY TUTCHEN

February 5 1625

It was ordered & decreed in the vestry house the day and yeare first aboue written that (whereas there is a want of a Sideman for the Hamlett of Mile end) Thomas Greene of

[1] George Walker, a mariner, and styled Captain in the Registers.

[2] George Smyth or Smith, gent., of Poplar, died in his second year of office as churchwarden, and was buried June 15, 1632.—Stepney Registers.

[3] Randall Wettwood was born in 1580; is described as 'gentleman of Stepney,' and married widow Anne Crofts by license, dated August 11, 1640.—See Chester's Marriage Licenses, where he is wrongly called Sandall Wettwood.

[4] Nicholas Dyckens, probably a son of the older Nicholas Dickens or Diggins (see p. 25), who disappears from the vestry in 1621, and is entered as 'gon' by a later hand on p. 83. The younger one continues as a member of the vestry up to 1643.

[5] William Pyott married Jane Weldon, of Limehouse.—See Visitation of Essex, 1634; Harl. Soc., p. 473.

Mile endgreene shall serue in the said Office of Sideman during the residue of this yeare ensuing.

GEO GOULDMAN Vica[r]	JOHN BRIDGES
EDW: EDGEWORTH	T BEST
THOMAS HOGG	EDW: DALTON
WALTER COKE	HENRY DETHICK
GEO: CONQUEST	JNO BENNETT

February 19 1625

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house the 19 day of ffebruary in the yeare aforesaid, It was ordered and decreed that all such monies as remaine in the hands of William Culhā sexton of the ꝑish of Stepney arising by burialls or otherwise and called by the name of Churchduties shall be paid ouer into the hands of Richard Bromfeild, George Conquest and Henry Riuers Churchwardens for the time being, to the end that the said Churchwardens may forthwith and out of hand purchase & buy one peece of ground for to be a place of Buriall or Churchyard in respect the old Churchyard will affoord no more convenient place of Buriall w[th]out danger of Infection by reason of the noisomenes of the ground there so opened by reason of so many bodies formerlie enterred there

GEO GOULDMAN Vica[r]	RANDALL. WETTWOOD
EDW: EDGEWORTH	HENRY RIVERS churchwarden
W BURRELL	THOMAS ELLET
RO. SALMON	GILBERT DETHICK
JOHN WEST	WALTER COKE
GEORGE SMYTH	GEORGE WALKER
GEO: CONQUEST. Churchwarden	JOH: FREND
R BROMFIELD	

Aprill 16 1626

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on Sunday Aprill 16, 1626 being the first Sunday after Easter for the

Electing of Church Officers according to the Canons of the Church in that case made and prouided, were chosen Churchwardens these persons hereafter named to serue for the yeare ensuing in the office of Churchwardens, elected againe according to the Custome of the pish, vizt from the feast of Th' Annunciacon of the virgin mary in the yeare 1626

In Ratcliffe	Mr Robert Bell
In Limehouse	Mr Richard Bromfeild
In Popler	Mr Henry Riuers
In Mile end	Mr Geo: Conquest

Elected also for Sidemen to serue anew according to the custome of the pish, for the yeare ensuing

In Ratcliffe	Thomas Hartly
In Limehouse	william Simonds
In Popler	william Hanford
In Milend	Thomas Greene

Elected also for Auditors att the said vestry and meeting for the Churchwardens accounts for the yeare passed together wth the minister according to the Canon

In Ratcliffe	In Limehouse
Mr Tho: Best	Mr John Bennett
Mr Edw: Dalton	Mr John Graues
In Popler	**In Mile end**
Mr John Fuller	Mr Walter Cooke
Mr Geo: Smith	Mr Thomas Hogge.

Itm. It is ordered and decreed that the aforesaid Auditors when they haue perused and examined the forenamed churchwardens acounts for the yeare passed shall before they approue the same under theire hands tender and present the said accounts of euery of the said Churchwardens to the vestry to be there perused, examined, and approued and this to be per-

formed betweene this present day and the feast day of St John the Baptist next ensuing.

EDW: EDGEWORTHE. curat:	WALTER COKE
W BURRELL	JOHN GREAVES
THOMAS HOGG	ANTHONY TUTCHEN
JNO BENNETT	RO: SALMON
JOHN FFULLER	JOHN BRIDGES
THOMAS ELLET	GEORGE WALKER
T. BEST	GEORGE SMYTH
EDW: DALTON	GEORGE CULLYMER

Aprill 30 1626

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on Sunday Aprill 30 1626 yt was decreed concluded & determined, that wheras there was a former order decreeing that the Churchwardens should bring in such monies as they haue receaued any wayes for Church duties toward the earthing of the old Churchyard and purchasing of a new wch is refused to be performed by Mr Robert Bell who hath receaued (as Churchwarden of Ratcliffe) diuers and sundry summes of monyes called by the name of Church duties whereby the intended businesses haue a stop and hindrance, It is therefore decreed that there shalbe a present sute commenced against the said Mr Robert Bell in the high Commission Court according to the order of the said Hono^{ble} Court, that thereby he may be brought to do & performe that wch shalbe iust & right and that the intended businesses of the p̄ish may haue the best & speediest furtherance

Itm. yt is further decreed that whereas through the witholding of the said monyes there is a common hurt and damage ariseth to the whole p̄ish, and so accounted and apprehended by the vestry mett & assembled, yt is therefore decreed that this common hurt shalbe taken as a common cause and the Charges that shall arise by reason of the said suit shall be defrayed out of a common purse

Itm. whereas we haue intreated Wm Culham the Sexton to enter bond according to the Orders of the high Commission Court that if the Articles propounded against the said Mr Robert Bell shall not be proued then the said Mr Bell shall haue his Charges alowed from the said pish, we do decree & order that the said William Culham shalbe saued harmles and indemnified, and to that purpose It is also ordered and decreed that all such monies as do come due vnto the Church by breaking of the ground in the Church, by knells wth the bells & for the black Clothes shalbe reserued from time to time in the hands of the said Sexton towards the defrayeng of the Charge of the intended suit and for the sauing of himselfe indamnified.

EDW: EDGEWORTHE.	JOHN BRIDGES
Curat:	JOHN GREAVES
EDW: DALTON	JOHN FFULLER
JNo BENNETT	THOMAS ELLET
GEORGE WALKER	GEORGE CULLYMER
WALTER COKE	RANDALL WETTWOOD

June 4 1626

Whereas Mr Robert Bell was att Easter last in this present yeare 1626 chosen and elected for churchwarden to serue in the hamlet of Ratcliffe for his second yeare according to the Custome of the pish and since hath appeared before the Commissary to the Lord Bishop of London and hath made faith that he was suddainlie to depart the pish of Stepney and hath alreadie remoued all or the most pt of his good, and household stuffe to go to Redrith where he hath taken an house and that he entendeth to remoue his dwelling before whitsontide next (wch is alreadie done) and therevppon was dismissed from the Court, and the pish apointed to Chuse another Churchwarden in his stead: Att a vestry therefore

holden in the vestry house on Sunday June 4 1626, It was ordered and decreed that Thomas Hartlie of Ratcliffe shall serue & execute the office of Churchwarden as deputie and in the stead of Mr Robert Bell formerlie chosen for this present yeare 1626, and that the said Thomas Hartlie as Churchwarden shall presentlie gather vp such monies as are any waies due in the Hamlett of Ratcliffe aforesaid by the name of Clerkes wages and pewage mony for the yeare past and ended, wch was the first yeare of Mr Bell being Churchwarden and remayneth vncollected, and shall also ioyne wth the other Churchwardens in the finishing and building vp of the wall of the new Churchyard that yt may be spedilie prepared for Consecration, and yt also agreed that whatsoeuer shalbe expended about the said wall and fitting of the same ground for consecration and for the consecration thereof by the Churchwardens shalbe alowed againe out of the seuerall hamletts and collections from thence and euery of them to be collected and gathered.

Itm. att the same vestry and meeting William Wilkes of Ratcliffe was chosen to serue in the office of Sideman for this present yeare 1626 in the hamlett of Ratcliffe aforesaid

Itm yt is ordered that yt shalbe lawfull for Thomas Hartlie to Receiue att the hands of any in the hamlet of Ratcliffe what some or sommes of monie soeuer that any man shall voluntarilie contribute or giue toward the fitting of the new churchyard or any other charitable vse whatsoeuer, and what shalbe so geuen to account for the same as in other church duties to be receiued.

EDW: EDGEWORTHE. Curat	GEORGE WALKER
T. BEST	JOHN FFULLER
JO: DAUIS	THOMAS ELLET
JOH: FREND	EDW: DALTON
WALTER COKE	JOHN BRIDGES
RANDALL WETTWOOD	JN^o^ BENNETT

Sepr 29th 1626

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on ffriday September 29th 1626 It was ordered by the vicar & vestry men then & there assembled and decreed that whereas an order was formerlie made That Thomas Hartlie of Ratcliffe chosen Churchwarden should demaund & receiue of euery the Inhabitants of Ratcliffe theire voluntary contributions toward the fitting of the new Churchyard: It is now ordered & decreed that the other Churchwardens of Limehouse, Mile-end & Popler shall immediately demaund & collect in theire seuerall Hamletts & euery the Inhabitants thereof such summe and summes of mony as any the Inhabitants in the said seuerall Hamletts shall voluntarilie conferre and bestow toward the vse aforenamed and whatsoeuer shalbe by them so receiued to account for the same as in other dutie belonging to the Church & by them to be receaued.

GEO GOULDMAN Vicar	GEO: CONQUEST
EDW: EDGEWORTHE.	JNO BENNETT
T BEST	RANDALL WETTWOOD
RO: SALMON	RICHARD BROMFILD
WALTER COKE	GEORGE CULLYMER
JOHN BRIDGES	THOMAS HARTLEY

Md that the day and yeare first aboue written there was deliuered to the vestry as the free & voluntary gift of the Companie of the Mercers toward the enclosing of the new Churchyard and filling vp of the pond the iust summe of fifeteene pound wch summe of fifteene pounds was deliuered to Thomas Greene of Mile end greene in part of satisfacc̃on for his worke performed about the Churchyard & filling of the pond: in Testimony of wch receipt the said Thomas Greene hath his hand subscribed the day & yeare first aboue written.

THOMAS T GREENE
his marke

March 29 1627

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on Thursday March 29 1627 being Thursday in Easter weeke, for the election of Churchofficers according to the Canons of the church in that case made & prouided were chosen Churchwardens these persons hereafter named to serue for the yeare ensuing in the Office of Churchwardens, elected according to the Custome of the pish, vizt from the feast of Th' Annunciation of the virgin Mary in the yeare 1627.

In Ratcliffe	Mr John Clerke[1]
In Limehouse	Mr John Graues
In Popler	Mr Richard Hall
In Mile end	Mr Nicholas Diggens

Elected also for Sidemen to serue for the yeare att the said vestry and meeting

In Ratcliffe	William Wilkes
In Limehouse	Wm Simonds
In Popler	Henry North
In Mile end	Peter Harrintgon[2]

Elected also for Auditors att the said vestry & meeting for the Church wardens accounts for the yeare passed together wth the minister according to the Canon.

In Ratcliffe	In Limehouse
Mr Edw: Dalton	Mr George Walker
Mr Robt Salmon	Mr Wm Cock.
In Popler	**In Mile end**
Mr John Fuller	Mr Walker Cooke
Mr Geo: Smith	Mr Randall Wetwood.

Also att the said vestry and meeting yt is ordered and decreed, that whereas there is one peece of land dimised &

[1] John Clarke, of Upper Shadwell, vintner, was buried November 12, 1634.—Stepney Registers.

[2] Peter Harrington, a chandler of Mile End.—Stepney Registers.

lett to farme to Robert Salmon Edward Dalton Richard Nottingham, Walter Cooke & John Bennett, by the Right Honorable the Earle of Cleueland[1] abutting vpon the churchyard of Stepney for and in consideration of the yearlie rent of fortie shillings to be paid att two seuerall termes in the yeare by euen and equall porcons, as by the said demise doth more largelie appeare. It is therefore ordered & decreed that the churchwarden of Limehouse that now is shall satisfie and pay the said rent of forty shillings now presently dew, and the churchwarden of Limehouse now newlie chosen, and hereafter from time to time to be chosen during the whole terme in the said demise contayned shall yearlie discharge the said yearlie rent and att the times in the said demise expressed to the end there may be no forfeiture of the said demise

GEO GOULDMAN Vica^{r}	RANDALL WETTWOOD.
EDW: EDGEWORTH	R. BROMFILD.
JN^{o} BENNETT	JOHN FFULLER
T BEST	ED. DALTON
MYCHELL GISBE	WALTER COKE
HENRY RIVERS	RO: KAYLL
R. P. (i.e., *Richard Philips*)	GEO: CONQUEST
RO SALMON	NICHOLAS DICKENS

Also at a vestry holden the same day were chosen for vestrymen in Ratcliffe Mr Wm Swanly,[2] Mr Robert Rookes, Mr John Clerke, Mr Wm Goulston,[3] in Mile end Mr Slidd, in Limehouse Mr Wm Ewens

[1] This Earl of Cleveland was Thomas, first Earl, and great-grandson of the original Sir Thomas, first Lord Wentworth, to whom Edward VI. granted the manor of Stepney. He was a prominent and faithful adherent of the King, and suffered great losses and exile in consequence, but returned to England at the Restoration, and recovered his property after many vicissitudes. His mother was a daughter of Sir Owen Hopton (see p. 21).—Banks' Extinct Peerage, ii., p. 582; W. L. Rutton's 'Three Branches of the Family of Wentworth.'

[2] William Swanley, general shipmaster to the East India Company, in which office we are told he enjoyed the salary of £110 per annum as successor of one Hockett; his brother, Richard Swanley (q.v.), had held the same post until he 'fell ill' in 1627.—State Papers, Colonial.

[3] William Gouldstone, of Wapping Wall, was timber merchant to the East India Company, but in 1621 both he and his son were discharged.—State Papers, Colonial, E.I.C.

July 1. 1627

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on Julie the first 1627 for the electing & chusing of a pish Clerke for the pish church of Stepney the said Clerkeship being then void by the death of John Robinson late pish clerke of the pish of Stepney aforesaid was elected and chosen by the most pt of the vestrymen then assembled in the presence and by the approbacon and consent of doctor Gouldman vicar of the said pish William Ambrose of Stepney to be clerke of the said pish in the stead of the said John Robinson to execute the said clerkeship and to enioy all the emolum^{ts} and profitts to the same in any sort appertayning. And in testimony thereof they haue herevnto put theire hands the day and yeare first aboue written,

GEO GOULDMAN Vica^{r}	W BURRELL
EDW: EDGEWORTHE	EDW: DALTON
WALTER COKE	RO: SALMON
JOH: FREND	WIL COCK
JN^{o} BENNETT	CH SLEDD
GEORGE SMYTH.	Wm EWEN
JOHN FFULLER	WILLIAM SWANLEY
MYCHELL GISBE	ROBERT ROOKE
RICHARD PHILIPS by his marke	THOMAS ELLET
WILLIAM PYOT	JOHN CLARCKE
GEORGE WALKER	RICHARD HALL
GEORGE CULLYMER	WILLIAM GOLDSTON
	NICHOLAS DYCKENS
	JOHN GREAVES

Aug 9. 1627

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on Thursday August 9th 1627 whereas there was a want of a vestry man in the Hamlett of Ratcliffe Mr Samuell Gouldsmith[1] of Stepney was chosen vestry man for the said Hamlett.,

[1] Samuel Goldsmith, probably the same who appears in the Visitation of London, 1634, as 'of London, mercer.'—Harl. Soc. ed., 1, p. 321.

Itm yt ys ordered and decreed that Thomas Greene shall receiue att the hands of the Churchwardens the iust summe of eleuen pounds two shillinges and one peny ouer and beside the thirteene pounds seauenteene shillings and eleuen pence formerlie due vnto him, as a gratuitie toward his further satisfaccon for the filling of the pond

Itm It is then ordered and decreed that there shalbe publique warning geuen in the Church on Sunday next folowing this vestry and meeting, that the pishioners and Inhabitants shall hereafter forbeare to bring theire children and seruants into their Pues that the Ancient Inhabitants of the pish may be there placed. As also that the old churchwardens shalbe warned in the church then to appeare at a vestry to be holden on Thursday next. vizt the 16 day of August, and all other Churchwardens that haue not yet geuen vp theire accounts, to bring in then theire accountes to be then & there audited, examined, perused, and alowed, or otherwise It is ordered that if they shall neglect or refuse to be present & to geue vp, then theire accounts there shalbe presentlie proces taken out to call them before the Ordinary that there they may geue vp theire seuerall accounts vpon theire oath

GEO GOULDMAN Vicar	JOHN GREAVES churchwarden
RO: SALMON	R BROMFILD
EDW: EDGEWORTHE	JOHN CLARKE churchwarden
WALTER COKE	SAMUELL GOWLDSMYTH
NICHOLAS DYCKENS churchwarden	RICHARD HALL churchwarden
RANDALL WETTWOOD	
JOH: FREND	

The 30th daye of August 1627

At a meetinge the daye & yeare abouesaide at a vestrye holden by the inhabitants of the hamlet of Radclife it is ordered that henceforthe the churchwardens hereafter in the

whole parrishe or hamlets shall not exceede in the pambelation for the dynner to be expended the some of Eight poundes, and if other of the saide churchwardens do exceede the saide some of Eight pounds to paye the same out of the own purses, and that the saide pambelation to be pformed all in one daye in wytness whereof wee haue sett to our hands the daye & yere aboue wrytton,

GEO GOULDMAN	WALTER COKE
Vicar	R. BROMFILD
RO: KAYL	RANDALL WETTWOOD
GILBERT DETHICK	ROBERT ROOKE
EDW: DALTON	WILLIAM COCK

Decembr 6 1627

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on Thursday december 6 1627, yt was ordered and decreed in maner & forme folowing vizt whereas at certaine meetings for the examinacon of the Accounts of Thomas Hartlie of Ratcliffe, Richard Broomfeild of Limehouse, George Conquest of Mile end & Henry Riuers of Popler late churchwardens of this pish It was found that Thomas Hartlie had expended & laid out the iust summe of 14^{li} 12^{s} 11^{d} which was more then would be alowed by the vestry and therefore charged vpon his owne head as by the order annexed to his account doth appeare, and Richard Bromefeild of Limehouse had expended & laid out the iust summe of 8^{li} 0^{s} 2^{d} wch was more then would be then alowed & therefore charged vpon his owne head as by the order annexed to his account doth appeare, and Henry Riuers of Popler had expended 2^{li} 2^{s} 0^{d} which was more then would be alowed by the vestry & therefore charged vpon his owne head as by the order annexed to his accounts doth appeare, and George Conquest of Mile end hath expended & laid out the iust summe of 5^{li} 13^{s} 0^{d} which was more then would be alowed by the vestry & therefore charged vpon his owne head as by the order annexed to his accompts doth appeare. It is therefore ordered & decreed

that the said auditt and disalowance shalbe alowed ratified and confirmed by this present vestry & the vestrymen then assembled, and that if they or any of them so charged shall refuse to pay such monies as by theire said accoumpts thus audited shall appeare due then the present churchwardens shall take such ordinary course in law vpon the pish charge as shall be most convenient for the spedie calling in of the said monies to defray such debts as are from the Church now due & payable if the said seuerall summes of Thomas Hartlie & Richard Bromfeild shall not be satisfied by the last day of this present moneth of december.

EDW: EDGEWORTHE	RANDALL WETTWOOD	
Curat:	ANT°: TUTCHENG	
RO: KAYL	Wm EWEN	
EDW: DALTON	ROBERT ROOKE	
WALTER COKE	RICHARD PHILIPS marke	
WILLIAM PYOT	JOHN CLARKE	Church-wardens.
JN° BENNETT	JOHN GREAVES	
WILL COCK	NICHOLAS DYCKENS	
GEORGE. CULLYMER	RICHARD HALL	

Aprill 17 1628

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on Thursday Aprill 17 1628 being Thursday in Easter weeke, for the elecc̃on of Church officers according to the Canons of the Church in that case made & prouided were chosen Churchwardens these persons hereafter named to serue for the yeare ensuing in the office of Churchwardens, whereof three are elected againe to continew according to the Custome of the pish viʒt from the feast of th'Annunciac̃on in the year 1628

In Ratcliffe	Mr John Clerke.
In Limehouse	Mr John Graues.
In Popler	Mr John Hunt.[1]
In Mile end	Mr Nicholas Dickens

[1] Mr. John Hunt, a seaman in the employ of the East India Company. He died at the end of April, 1628.—State Papers, Colonial, E.I.; Stepney Registers.

Elected also for Sidemen to serue anew acording to the Custome of the pish for the yeare ensuing

In Ratcliffe	William Wilkes
In Limehouse	William Simonds
In Popler	Henry North
In Mile end	Peter Harrington

Elected also for Auditors at the said vestry and meeting for the Churchwardens accounts for the yeare passed, together wth the minister according to the Canon

In Ratcliffe	In Limehouse
Mr Edw: Dalton	Mr George Walker
Mr Robert Salmon	Mr Wm Cock.
In Popler	**In Mile end**
Mr John Fuller	Mr Walter Cooke
Mr George Smith	Mr Wm Pyat.

Itm yt is ordered and decreed that the aforesaid Auditors and all other that shall hereafter from time to time be chosen, when they haue perused and examined the seuerall accounts of the Churchwardens that from time to time are to geue account shall before they approue the same accounts vnder theire hands tender & present the said accounts of euery of the said churchwardens from time to time to the vestry to be perused, examined, & approued by them the said vestry & this alwayes to be performed by the present chosen Auditors and all other that hereafter shalbe chosen before the feast of St John the Baptist then next ensuing any such account to be made.

Itm. It is further ordered & decreed that from time to time and att all times hereafter att the expiracon of euery halfe yeare such pewage monie as shalbe by the Church-wardens in the seuerall Hamletts from time to time halfe-

yearlie collected (wch by this decree they are ordered and apointed to collect euery halfe yeare) shalbe brought and putt into the Common Chest in the vestry there to remaine as a ioynt stock vnder the fiue lockes and keyes to be kept by the vicar & the foure churchwardens: And also that such summe & summes of mony as shall arise by the Bells, the breaking of the churchground & the church clothes shall quarterlie be brought and put in to the said chest that thereby there may be mony vpon all occasions to defray such expences as shall belong to the ꝑish Church of Stepnie.

Itm whereas Mr Thomas Cambell[1] of Stepnie hath claymed three pewes in the Church as hereditary & belonging to his mansion house and for the confirmac̃on of the said claime hath procured frō the Lord Bishop of London a facultie & in regard yt tendeth to the impouerishing of the ꝑish church of Stepnie in abolishing theire customary pewage monie, being the onlie meanes by wch the said ꝑish church is maintayned in wch respect the Churchwardens of this ꝑish haue appealed from the said Lord Bishop of London into the Court of the Arches It ys ordered & decreed that the said appeale shall by the churchwardens be prosecuted and that all expences & charges wch shall arise by reason of the maintenance of the ꝑish right & defence of the said suit shalbe alowed and defrayed out of the Joynt stock of the ꝑish vntill such time as the law shall haue determined the matter in question.

Itm. if att any time there shalbe any occasion of disbursem^{ts} It is then ordered and decreed that the seuerall summes necessary to be expended shall from time to time & att all tymes be taken out by the churchwardens in the presence of the vicar and two vestry men *of every hamlet*[2] and the said summe so to be expended with the day & moneth & yeare

[1] Thomas Cambell, 'gent.,' was buried November 18, 1629. He must not be confounded with Thomas Cambell, Alderman of London, a contemporary who survived him.—Stepney Registers.

[2] The words in italics are crossed out.

to be set downe in a ꝑticular booke to be kept also in the Chest.,

GEO GOULDMAN Vicar	MICHELL GISBE
SAMUEL GOWLDSMYTH	GEORGE SMYTH
RO: SALMON	CH SLEDD
WALTER COKE	JOH: FREND
EDW: EDGEWORTHE.	WILLIAM SWANLEY
JOHN GREAVES	GEORGE CULLYMER
NICHOLAS DYCKENS	ROBERT ROOKE
JNO BENNETT	WILLIAM GOLDSTON
WILLIAM PYOT	JOHN CLARKE

May 4 1628

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on Sunday May 4 1628, whereas John Hunt of Popler was vpon the 17 day of the moneth of Aprill elected & chosen churchwarden for the said Hamlett for this present yeare who is since deceased At the vestry holden the 4th day of May was elected & chosen to serue as churchwarden for this present yeare & for the said Hamlett Mr John ffuller to serue in the office of Churchwarden in the stead of the said John Hunt deceased.,

GEO GOULDMAN Vicar	JOHN GREAVES
	NICHOLAS DYCKENS
GILBERT DETHICK	JOHN WEST
EDW: EDGEWORTHE.	JOHN CLARKE
RO: SALMON	THOMAS ELLET
GEORGE SMYTH	R. P (i.e., *Richard Philips*)
RO: KAYL	WILLIAM SWANLEY
EDW: DALTON	ROBERT ROOKE
WALTER COKE	WILLIAM GOLDSTON

Item att the same time the vestry did chuse Mr Robert Keale of Ratcliffe, Mr Anthonie Touching of Limehouse Mr John West of Popler & Mr Walter Cooke of Mile end to ioyne with Mr doctor Gouldman the vicar whom they haue entreated with them to end the differences between Mr Thomas

Hartlie & Mr Richard Bromfeild & the ꝑish, if they will submitt themselues vnto yt.

8 Octobr 1628

According to the order abouesaid togeather wth the nowe Consent of Thomas Hartly & Richard Bromefeld Concerning there accompt formerly presented to the vestery wee doe order, that Thomas hartly shall pay into the hands of Edward Edgeworthe the some of xli at or before the Thirtith day of this Instant Octobr, and that Richard Bromfeld doe paye at the daye aforesaid the some of ffyve pounds into the hands of the said Edward Edgeworth to the vse of the Church. In wittnes wherof we haue hereto set or hands

Geo Gouldman	Water Coke
Ro: Kayl	Antº: Tutchen

Aprill 9 1629

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on Thursday Aprill 9 1629 being Thursday in Easter weeke for the elecc̃on of Church officers according to the Canons of the Church in that case made & prouided were chosen Churchwardens these persons hereafter named to serue for the yeare ensuing in the Office of Churchwardens, elected according to the Custome of the ꝑish. viz̃t from the feast of Th'annunciac̃on of the virgin Mary in the yeare 1629.

In Ratcliffe	Mr William Golston
In Limehouse	Mr William Pulman
In Popler	Mr William Swanly.
In Mile end	Mr George Cullimer

Elected also for Sidemen to serue according to the Custome of the ꝑish for the yeare ensuing.

In Ratcliffe	Gilbert Collins.
In Limehouse	William Simons
In Popler	Henry Hall.[1]
In Mile end	Peter Harrington

[1] Henry Hall, an anchorsmith of Poplar, and possibly the son of Richard Hall (above, p. 30). Married July 6, 1626, Agnes Barker, by licence.—Stepney Registers.

Elected also for Auditors att the said vestry & meeting for the churchwardens accounts for the yeare passed together with the minister according to the Canon.

In Ratcliffe	In Limehouse
Mr Edw. Dalton	Mr Geo: Walker
Mr Robert Salmon	Mr William Cock.
In Popler	**In Mile end**
Mr John West	Mr Walter Cooke
Mr George Smith.	Mr William Pyat

Itm yt was ordered and decreed att the said vestry & meeting that whereas Mr Thomas Hartlie was ordered to pay xli into the hands of Edward Edgeworth to the vse of the Church the thirtieth day of the moneth of October last past, as by an order bearing date Octobr 8 1628 doth formerlie appeare If therefore the said Thomas Hartlie shall not pay or cause to be paid to the vse of the Church the said summe of ten pounds before the sixteenth day of this present moneth of Aprill. It is then ordered and decreed that the churchwardens shall take such speedy course ether in the Ecctiall courts or in the Common law as may be thought fittest by theire learned Counsell for the more spedie recouery of the said monies.

Itm. at the said vestry it is ordered that the fiue pounds remayning in the hands of Edward Edgeworth shalbe paid vnto Thomas Greene in part of paymt of the summe of eight pounds due vnto him.

GEO GOULDMAN Vicar	JOH: FREND
EDW: EDGEWORTHE.	MYCHELL GISBE
WALTER COKE	CH SLEDD
JOHN FFULLER	GEORGE WALKER
GEORGE CULLYMER	ROBERT ROOKE
WILLIAM SWANLEY	GILBERT DETHICK
	GEORGE SMYTH

RANDALL WETTWOOD
JOHN CLARKE
RO: SALMON
JN° BENNETT
WILLIAM GOLDSTON
JOHN GREAVES
RICHARD PHILIPS (*mark*)

Itm whereas there is iiij^{li} owing to Mr Ambrose the Clerke for keeping the Register booke yt is ordered at the said vestry Aprill 9 1629 that the said summe of foure pounds shalbe paid by the churchwardens vnto him out of the first monyes that shall come vnto theire hands.

August 16 1629

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on Sunday August 16 1629: vpon a motion made by Mr Wm Golston whether he should deliuer the Church booke of accounts to the Jury now sworne for enquiry after exacted fees. It was thought fitt that the said booke should not be deliuered out of the possession of the Churchwardens. howbeit if the Jury or any of them be desirous to se yt the said Mr Gouldston or any two of the Churchwardens may shew yt them to be by them pervsed but so as the possession thereof still remaine in the churchwardens.

16° August 1629°

The said day and yeare yt was decreed that hereafter none shalbe buried in the church but with a flat coffin & to this last decree the vestry men assembled haue theire hands subscribed

EDW: EDGEWORTHE Curat:
W BURRELL
RO SALMON
T. B (i.e., *Thos Best*)
GEORGE WALKER
GEORGE CULLYMER Churchwarden
WILLIAM PULMAN Churchwarden
GILBERT DETHICK
GEORGE SMYTH
WILLIAM SWANLEY
RANDALL WETTWOOD

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on Thursday Aprill the first 1630 being Thursday in Easter weeke for the Elecc̄on of Churchwardens and other officers according to the Canons of the Church in that case made & prouided were chosen Churchwardens these persons hereafter named to serue for the yeare ensuing in the office of Churchwardens and elected againe to continew according to the custome of the p̣ish vi3t from The feast of Th'Annunciac̄on of the virgin Mary in the yeare 1630

In Ratcliffe	Mr William Golston
In Limehouse	Mr William Pulman
In Popler	Mr William Swanley
In Mile end	Mr George Cullimer

Elected also for Sidemen to serue anew according to the custome of the p̣ish for this present yeare 1630

In Ratcliffe	Gilbert Collins
In Limehouse	William Simonds
In Popler	Henry Hall
In Mile end	Peter Harrington

Elected also for Auditors att the said vestry and meeting for the Churchwardens accounts for the yeare passed together wth the minister according to the Canon

In Ratcliffe	In Limehouse
Mr Edward Dalton	Mr John Bennett
Mr Robert Salmon	Mr Anthony Tutchens
In Popler	**In Mile end**
Mr Gilbert Dethick	Mr Nicholas Dickens
Mr John Fuller	Mr Walter Cooke

whereas Richard Philips of Limehouse vpon his accounts made as Churchwarden of the said Hamlett for part of Mr Raph Bradshawes time, Captayne Moores time & his owne two yeares, is behind & vnpaid as by his account

appeareth the iust summe of nine pounds eight shillings & eightpence It is ordered & decreed that the said summe shalbe paid vnto the said Richard Philips vpon the first monyes that come in by way of surplusage vpon any churchwardens account ether now or hereafter to be paid into the said vestry by any churchwarden that haue bene, are, or hereafter shalbe.

EDW: EDGEWORTHE Curat:	WALTER COKE
T. BEST	NICHOLAS DYCKENS
RO: SALMON	JOHN FFULLER
WILL GOLDSTON	JOHN CLARKE
WILLIAM SWANLEY	GEORGE CULLYMER
RICH: R P: PHILLIPS (*mark*)	Churchwarden
EDW: DALTON	WILLIAM PULMAN

Februarij 10 1630

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on Thursday ffebruarij the tenth A° 1630, It was agreed that whereas the Churchwardens, for the time being, haue laid out diuers summes of mony about the necessary repaire of the Church, in the Roofe pauement, galleries & pewes & otherwise as by theire accounts will truelie appeare I say It was agreed that the said disbursements should be alowed and approued according to the custome of the pish, being exhibited to the vicar & Auditors appointed for the purpose.

As also that the Churchwardens shall set men on worke uppon the leads of the South side of the Middle Ile of the Church for the new casting of the said lead, & the expences for the same to be also alowed vpon theire accomptes to be made as formerlie.

EDW: EDGEWORTHE Curat:	EDW: DALTON
T. BEST	WALTER COOKE
RO: SALMON	GEORGE WALKER
NICHOLAS DYCKENS	JOHN GREAVES
	JOHN CLARKE

WILLIAM PYOTS	JOHN BENNETT
WILLIAM COCK	ANT°: TUTCHEN
JOHN FFULLER	Wm EWEN
ROBERT ROOKE	RICHARD R P PHILLIPS (*mark*)

Aprill 14 1631

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on Thursday Aprill 14 1631, being thursday in Easter weeke, for the election of Church officers according to the Canons of the Church in that case made & prouided, were chosen Churchwardens these persons hereafter named, to serue for the yeare ensuing in the office of Churchwardens vizt from the feast of Th'Annunciation of the virgin Mary in the yeare 1631 elected according to the custome of the pish.

In Ratcliffe.	Mr Robert Salmon
In Limehouse.	Mr Anthony Touching
In Popler.	Mr George Smith.
In Mile end.	Mr William Pyatt.

Elected also for Sidemen to serve according to the Custome of the pish for the yeare ensuing

In Ratcliffe	Gilbert Collins
In Limehouse	William Simonds
In Popler	John Caterall[1]
In Mile end	Peter Harringtons

Elected also for Auditors at the said vestry & meeting for the Churchwardens accounts for the yeare passed, together wth the minister according to the Canon.

In Ratcliffe	In Limehouse
Mr Edward Dalton	Mr John Bennet
Mr Robert Rooke	Mr Wm Ewens

[1] John Caterall, of Poplar, shipwright, employed by the East India Company as timber measurer, was dismissed in 1626, but employed again for rather more than a year. He was then a second time discharged, and spent the next few years 'petitioning to be entertained again as shipwright.' He married, February 1, 1625, by license, Jacquament Whetherdon, of Wapping Wall, widow, who was buried January 13, 1650. He was sidesman 1631-1636, and then disappears.—State Papers, Colonial, E.I.; Stepney Registers.

In Popler	In Myle end
Mr Gilbert Dethick	Mr Nicholas Dickens
Mr John Fuller	Mr Walter Cooke.

GEO GOULDMAN	GILBERT DETHICK
EDW: EDGEWORTHE	T. BEST
WALTER COKE	EDW: DALTON
NICHOLAS DYCKENS	RO: SALMON
GEORGE WALKER	GEORGE CULLYMER
JOHN BENNETT	ANTo: TUTCHEN
JOH: FREND	WILL GOLDSTON
GEORGE SMYTH	JOHN FFULLER
JOHN GREAVES	RICHARD PHILIPS R P by his marke
MYCHELL GISBI	
Wm EWEN	THOMAS ELLET
WILLIAM SWANLEY	ROBERT ROOKE

Aprill 3 1632 [1]

whereas there was due to Richard Philips of Limehouse since he was Churchwarden & to Roger ffrith of Ratcliffe deceased since he was Churchwarden certaine monies vizt nine pounds to Richard Philips & nine pounds of mony to Roger ffrith. Be yt known to all men that we Richard Philips and Ellen the wife of James woodcott & daughter of the said Roger ffrith do acknowledge ourselues to haue receiued of Mr Tutchen by order of the vestry the said seuerall summes & do acknowledge ourselues fully satisfied & in testimony thereof haue herevnto set our hands the day & yeare first aboue written.

witnesseth.	RO SALMON churchwarden	WILLIAM PYOT
	WALTER COKE	RICHARD PHILIPS R P his marke
	T. BEST	ELLEN WOODCOTT E W her marke
	GEORGE SMYTH	

[1] Written in the original on a blank space before the entry of April 14, 1631.

Aprill 3. 1632

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on Tuesday Aprill the third 1632 being Tuesday in Easter weeke for the Elecc̄on of Churchwardens and other officers, acccording to the Canons of the Church in that case made & prouided, were chosen Churchwardens these persons hereafter named, to serue for the yeare ensuing in the office of Churchwardens, and againe elected to continew according to the Custome of the p̣ish viz̄t from the feast day of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary in the yeare 1632.

In Ratcliffe	Mr Robert Salmon
In Limehouse	Mr Anthony Tutchen
In Popler	Mr George Smith
In Mile-end	Mr William Pyot

Elected also for Sidemen to serue anew according to the custome of the p̣ish for this present yeare 1632

In Ratcliffe	Gilbert Collins
In Limehouse	Wm Simonds
In Popler	John Caterall.
In Mile end	Peter Harrington

Elected for Auditors at the said vestry & meeting for the Church wardens accompts for the yeare passed together with the vicar according to the Canon[1]

Elected also to supplie the place of vestryman in the Hamlet of Ratcliffe, there being one wanting, William Joburne of Ratcliffe.

Ite̅m the vicar & vestrymen then assembled did & do allow & authorize the Churchwardens to set a rate vpon the pewes in the church, wch rate so made shall for theyre two yeares be collected & expended to the vse of the Church only & the necessary repaire of the same. as also that they do seat &

[1] The names are not given : a blank space follows.

place the seuerall Inhabitants according to theyre seuerall rankes & qualities.,

GEO GOULDMAN	RICHARD R P PHILIPS (*mark*)
EDW DALTON	T. BEST
WALTER COKE	EDW: EDGEWORTHE
GEORGE CULLYMER	JOHN BENNETT
JOHN FFULLER	Wm EWEN
WILLIAM SWANLEY	EDWARD CHANDLER
WILL GOLDSTON	

Aprill 9 1632

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on Munday Aprill 9 1632. It was ordered and decreed by the vicar & vestrymen of the pish then assembled, forasmuch as the Church is much decayed in the roofe both in the Lead & Timbers beside all other necessaries in & about the Church that there shalbe a generall Landscot & Assessmt made of all the Inhabitants of the said pish holding lands or otherwise estated, & outdwellers occupieng land in the said pish for & toward the repaire of the Church onlie, in euery part thereof, & that the taxacon of the Land be at the rate of sixe pence the acre throughout the pish. And also that all other the Inhabitants in the said pish (the occupiers of Land excepted) shall pay toward the said Landscott & assessmt the fourth part of the rate that he or they shall yearlie pay vnto the poore in their seuerall Hamlets according to the rate to be taken out of the poores booke in theire seuerall Hamletts, to be bestowed & imployed by the Churchwardens to the vse aforenamed & to no other end. The said Landscott & Assessmt to be collected & gathered by Mr Robert Salmon churchwarden & Mr Wm Golston & Mr Wm Joburne in the Hamlet of Ratcliffe, by Mr Anthony Tutchen churchwarden & Mr John Bennet and Mr Wm Ewens in the Hamlet of Limehouse, by Mr George Smith churchwarden & Mr Henry Dethick & Mr John Fuller in the Hamlet of Popler, & by

Mr Wm Pyot churchwarden Mr Nicholas Dickens, Mr Walter Cooke & Mr Hylary Mempresse[1] in the Hamlet of Mile end.

Itm. whereas there is a want of vestry men in the Hamlet of Mile end to supplie the number, Mr Hilary Mempresse & Mr Thomas Hart[2] are chosen & hereafter to be reputed and accounted for vestry men.

Itm yt is further decreed that whereas the Churchwardens & collectors formerlie appointed shall find the fourth part of the rate in the poores booke to exceed the rate of the land wch any Inhabitant shall occupie, then they shall passe by the rate of the Land & receiue the fourth part of the rate in the poores booke toward the vse aboue named.

GEO GOULDMAN Vica^r	RO SALMON	Church-wardens
EDW: EDGEWORTHE.	Wm PYOT	
WALTER COKE	GEORGE SMYTH	
HENRY DETHICK	ANT^o: TUTCHEN	
JOHN BENNETT	WILLIAM H. HYAT his marke	
Wm EWEN	GEORGE CULLYMER	
WILL GOLDSTON	ROBERT ROOKE	
WILL COCK	WILLIAM SWANLEY	
JOHN FFULLER	THOMAS RAYLTON his marke	
EDWARD CHANDLER		

June 21. 1632

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on Thursday June 21. 1632 whereas by the death of George Smith of Popler, late churchwarden, there is a want of a churchwarden in the said Hamlett, was elected and chosen for Churchwarden in his stead for this present yeare 1632 John Southerne,[3] of Popler aforesaid, to serue in the said Office

[1] Hillary Mempris, of St. Michael, Crooked Lane, married Mary Evans, of Christ Church, London, widow, May 17, 1608. He died in 1652, probably without issue, as his brother Thomas (see p. 165) succeeded to his property.—Stepney Registers and Court Rolls, Roll B.

[2] Thomas Hart, of Mile End Green, gent.—Stepney Registers; March 17, 1622, Bur.

[3] John Southerne, shipwright, first at Woolwich, and later at Poplar. He married, October 31, 1625, Barbara Brewer, widow, and was buried August 27, 1645.—Stepney Registers.

of Churchwarden in the stead of Mr George Smith deceased. And It is decreed that the said John Southen shall gather vp all & euery the duties and arerages of duties that are behind & vncollected by the said George Smith during the time of his Churchwardenship and shall account for the same according to the Canons Ecclial. And also, in that there is a want of vestry-men in the said Hamlet of Popler, the said John Southen is chosen to be a vestryman in the stead of the said George Smith, and so hereafter to be reputed and taken.

GEO GOULDMAN Vica[r]	EDW DALTON
EDW: EDGEWORTHE	RO: SALMON
WALTER COKE	ANT[o]: TUTCHEN
NICHOLAS DYCKENS	W[m] PYOT.
JOHN FFULLER	THOS HART
GEORGE CULLYMER	THOMAS RAYLTON his marke
ROBERT ROOKE	
WILLIAM JOBARNE:	

August 16 1632

Whereas by an order made in vestry bearing date Aprill 9. 1632 yt was ordered & decreed that for and toward the reparacons of the Church, a Landscott & assessement should be made of all the Inhabitants of the pish & out of the pish holding land and occupieng the same in the said pish & other as by the said order att large doth appeare Now It is decreed & ordered that for so much as the ruines of the church appeare to be exceeding great and that speedy repaire must be made, that therefore All the Inhabitants in the said pish occupieng any land in the said pish & all other outdwellers occupieng land in the said pish shall pay toward the Church & repayre of the said Church sixe pence the acree for euery acre that they or any of them shall hold & occupie. And that at the next vestry & meeting there shalbe an assessm[t] made vpon all other not occupieng land in the said pish accord-

ing to theire personall estates toward the repaire of the Church aforesaid, & to be collected by the Churchwardens & Sidemen in theire seuerall hamletts, And the monies so receiued & disbursed to be accounted for by them as other monies by the said churchwardens in any sort receiued., And the said assessm^t^ to be immediately collected as before.,

GEO GOULDMAN Vica^r^	ANT^o^: TUTCHENS	Church-
EDW: EDGEWORTHE	JOHN: SUTHUN	wardens
EDW DALTON	WILLIAM JOBARNE:	
WALTER COKE	JOHN CLARKE	
NICHOLAS DYCKENS	THO HART	
Wm EWEN	JOHN BENNETT	
EDWARD CHANDLER		

September 5 1632

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on Wednesday September the fift 1632 whereas there was a want of a vestryman in the Hamblett of Limehouse, Mr William Bushell[1] was chosen vestryman in the stead of Mr Wm Cock deceased & so to be hereafter held & reputed:

Itm. whereas an assessment was to be made of all the Inhabitants not occupieng land by theire personall estate toward the repayre of the pish church alreadie begun (the assessm^t^ vpon the land being formerlie made) & whereas there were tendred & presented to the vicar & vestrymen then assembled, foure seuerall bookes wherein the seuerall Inhabitants were

[1] Captain William Bushell, in 1635, commanding the *Neptune*, was employed in redeeming captives at Argier. On his way home he and another captain, Thomas Scot, of Ratcliffe, were fined £500 and £100 respectively, at Dunkirk, by Admiral the Earl of Lindsey, for 'presuming to wear their flags in full view of The Fleet.' This apparently was considered an open insult to the assembled 200 ships, and was aggravated by the culprits attempting to escape. A month later the relatives of other captives 'at Argier and Sallee' petitioned the Lords of the Admiralty to send William Bushell to redeem others after his success in bringing home thirty. He was probably sent, and next year, on the recommendation of the Trinity House, he and his ship, the *Neptune* (400 tons, 32 guns, and 160 men), were employed for the Navy. In spite of a dispute with his purser, in which he was condemned by the Officers of the Navy for making money out of his stores, he seems to have continued in the service of the Crown till his death, which is thus entered in the Registers: 'March 7, 1637. William Bushell, of Limehouse, mariner, died at Morbein, in France—a Captain.' He seems to have been unmarried, as he left most of his possessions to his father.—State Papers, Domestic; Stepney Registers; Will at Somerset House. There was another Wm. B., a rope-maker, in Shadwell (see the Map), who died in 1653.—Stepney Court Rolls, Roll C.

taxed & rated vizt one booke for the Hamlett of Ratcliffe amounting to the summe of forty pounds, one booke for the Hamlett of Limehouse amounting to the summe of twenty pounds, one booke for the Hamlet of Mile end amounting to the summe of twelue pounds & one booke for the hamlett of Popler amounting to the summe of nine pounds & vpwards. The vicar & vestrymen then assembled did ratifie, approue & confirme the said foure bookes and the seuerall summe & summes of mony rated vpon euer person in the said bookes by vertue of a Commission graunted by the Right Reuerend father in God the Lord Bishop of London vnto the said vicar & vestrymen And do further order & apoint Mr Robert Salmon churchwarden, Mr Wm Golston, Mr Wm Jobarne, Mr John Clarke & Mr Robert Rookes in Ratcliffe, Mr Anthony Tutchen churchwarden, Mr John Bennett, Mr William Ewens, Mr George Walker in Limehouse, Mr William Pyot churchwarden, Mr Michaell Gisby, Mr Nicholas dickens & Mr Hilary Mempris in Mile end, Mr John Suthun churchwarden, & Mr John ffuller in Popler & Mr William Swanlie, to collect & gather the said summes & rates in theyre seuerall hambletts, that the begun repayre may be forthwth continued, and the seuerall Churchwardens to geue accounts of the summes of mony so collected and laid out vpon the church as before, as for all other summes of mony by them or any of them in any sort receiued.

GEO GOULDMAN Vica^{r}
EDW EDGEWORTH
JOH: FREND
JOHN BENNETT
RANDALL WETTWOOD
GEORGE CULLYMER
JOHN CLARKE
HILLARIE MEMPRIS
JOHN FFULLER
R BROMFILD
WALTER COKE

RO SALMON Churchw^{n}
ANT^{o}: TUTCHEN Churchw
Wm PYOT Churchw.
JOHN: SUTHUN, Church
ROBERT ROOKE
RICHARD R P PHILIPS his marke
WILLIAM PULMAN
Wm EWEN
EDWARD CHANDLER

The vestry men of the parish of Stepney in the yeare at the feast of Easter 1633.

In Ratcliffe

Sr John Lee Knight
Mr Robt Kayll *gon*
Mr Edward Dalton
Mr Tho: Best
Mr Edward Chandler *dead*
Mr Robert Salmon
Mr Robert Rookes
Mr John Clarke *dead*
Mr Wm Golston
Mr Samuell Gouldsmith
Mr Wm Jobarne
Christopher Browne[1 2] } *Chosen Nou*: 21 1634.
Mr Wm Pulman
Mr John Tatton[3]

In Limehouse

Mr John Graues *dead*
Mr Richard Phillipps *dead*
Mr John Bennet
Mr George Walker *gon*
Mr Wm Ewens *gon*
Mr Richard Bromfeild
Mr Anthony Tutchen
Mr Henry Riuers *dead*
Mr Wm Hyat
Mr Wm Bushell

In Mile end

Mr Michaell Gisby
Mr George Cullimer
Mr Randolph wetwood

In Popler

Mr John West
Mr Gilbert Dethick
Mr Henry Dethick

[1] Names and words in italics were inserted later.

[2] Christopher Browne, one of the leading captains in the service of the E.I.C., first appears, June 29, 1622, as a petitioner to the Company for 18 cwt. of pepper. For the next two years he remained in the East Indies, and on his return home in November, 1625, he and his ship were impressed at Flushing into the service of the Royal Navy. Sir John Wostenhome (*sic*) and Sir William Russell 'desired the Company not to take it ill, for he should return in two months;' and apparently they were even better than their word, for on December 14 he was appointed commander of the Company's Surat fleet, and chose the *William* for his flagship. His salary was fixed at 20 marks a month, but he was dissatisfied with it, 'having been nine years in the E.I.C. service.' Like most of the Company's captains, he came to grief for private trading. On one occasion he was accused of a private venture of 500 ryalls, and 'Mr Leatt said his daughter, Hunt, had adventured with Captain Browne some silk stockings, garters, roses, etc., to some such value.' His rule in the East was not altogether popular, and in 1629 the factors at Gambroon consoled themselves for what they had suffered by writing moral reflections to the East India Council at Surat to the effect that 'Captain Browne and his abettor will in time be called to account for their base proceedings; for it is a principle that he who knows not how to obey can worse govern.' Unfortunately, at this point the curtain drops.—State Papers, Colonial, E.I.

[3] John Totton. His son Samuel succeeded alone to his land (admitted January 16, 1662) as the elder brother John was dead.—Stepney Court Rolls, iv. 97.

(*In Mile end*)	(*In Popler*)
Mr Nicholas Dickens	Mr Thomas Raylton *mort*
Mr John Friend	Mr Wm Swanly
Mr Walter Cooke	Mr John Fuller
Mr Edw. Edgeworthe	Mr John Southan
Mr Wm Pyot	*Mr Rob. Fotherby*[1 2] } *chosen Nou* : 21 1634
Mr Hylary Mempris	*Mr Edw : Steuens* }
Mr Thomas Hart.	*Mr John Ducy*[3] }

Aprill 23. 1633

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on Tuesday Aprill 23 1633 being Tuesday in Easter weeke for the elecc̃on of Churchwardens and other officers according to the Canons of the Church in that case made & prouided, were chosen Churchwardens these persons hereafter named to serue for the yeare ensuing in the office of Churchwardens, viz̃t in this present yeare 1633 whereof one of them continueth newly elected according to the custome of the p̃ish of Stepney

In Ratcliffe	Mr Wm Jobarne
In Limehouse	Mr George Walker
In Popler	Mr John Southan
In Mile end	Mr Thomas Hart

[1] Names and words in italics were inserted later.

[2] Robert Fotherby, in 1615, was serving on board ship, and pronounced by the East India Company 'a very fit person to be employed upon a discovery for the South side of the Cape.' Three years later he was established at Deptford as overseer of cordage, and in 1621 he moved to Blackwall, to the shipyard there. In 1623 he was receiving £80 as clerk of the stores, yard and check, and he continued there as manager for the East India Company. In 1624 his orders for the government of the yard were read before the Company and approved, but 'he was required to conceive some order to restrain the workmen resorting to the taphouse at other than meal times.' His grand-daughter Sarah married John Swanley of Poplar (see below). At his burial, which took place October 16, 1646, he is described as 'of Blackwall Yard, gent.'—State Papers, Colonial, E.I.; Dethick's Visitation of Middlesex, 1663; Stepney Registers.

[3] John Ducy, another servant of the East India Company at Blackwall Dockyard, first as measurer of timber at 12s. a week, and gradually promoted. In 1624 he succeeded to Fotherby's lodgings at the Dockyard. In 1644 he was surveyor of timber to the Navy. He must not be confused with his contemporary namesake, Sir John Ducy, Master of the Shipwrights' Company, and Alderman of London.—State Papers: Colonial, E.I., Domestic, Adv. of Money.

Elected also for Sidemen to serue in the said pish according to the custome thereof for this present year 1633

In Ratcliffe	Nathaneell Hawkins[1]
In Limehouse	William Dunne
In Popler	John Catterall
In Mile end	Samuell Cornewall[2]

Elected also for Auditors for the Churchwardens accounts for the two yeares passed together wth the minister according to the Canons.

In Ratcliffe	In Limehouse
Mr Edw: Dalton	Mr Wm Ewens
Mr John Clarke	Mr John Bennet
In Popler	**In Mile end**
Mr John Fuller	Mr Walter Cooke
Mr Wm Swanly	Mr Nichas Dickens

GEO GOULDMAN

Item. yt is ordered & decreed that the Auditors now appointed shall call for the Churchwardens accounts in their seuerall Hamletts within one fortnight or three weekes after this present vestry and peruse & examine the same, that the seuerall accounts may be presented to the vestry wthin one moneth after the said vestry, according to the Canon, to be perused and alowed there.

GEO GOULDMAN	JOHN BENNETT
EDW: EDGEWORTHE	GEORGE COLLYMER
JOHN: SUTHUN	JOHN CLARKE
Wm EWEN	JOHN GREAVES
HILLARIE MEMPRIS	ROBERT ROOKE
JOHN FFULLER	WILLIAM JOBARNE:
GEORGE WALKER	GILBERT DETHICK

[1] 'Nathaniel Hawkins, of Ratclif, vintner,' was buried August 13, 1641.—Stepney Registers.

[2] 'Samuel Cornwel, of Mile End, victualler, and sideman for the said Hamlet,' was buried October 23, 1634.—Stepney Registers.

WILLIAM PULMAN	EDW DALTON
RICHARD R P PHILIPPS	T. BEST
his marke	RO: SALMON
W. PYOT	WALTER COKE
ANT°: TUTCHEN	WILL GOLSTON
JOH: FREND	

September 12. 1633

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on Thursday September 12 1633 were tendered and presented the Accounts of Mr Robert Salmon last churchwarden of Ratcliffe, Mr Anthony Tutchen late Churchwarden of Limehouse & Mr William Piot late churchwarden of Mile-end for the yeares 1631 & 1632, and there perused and alowed. And by the Account of Mr Robert Salmon appeareth that he standeth endebted to the pish for the vse of the Church 19^li. 11^s. 3^d, and by the account of Mr Anthony Tutchen appeareth that he standeth endebted to the pish for the vse aforesaid 8^li. 11^s. 0^d, and by the account of Mr William Pyot appeareth that he standeth endebted to the pish to the vse aforesaid 1^li. 13^s. 6^d wch seuerall summes It is ordered and decreed at the vestry aforesaid that they shall be paid ouer into the hands of Mr William Jobarne now churchwarden of Ratcliffe to be expended and laid out about the necessary repayre of the Church where most needs for the present shalbe, and to account for the same as for any other monies that shall in any sort come to his hand for the vse aforesaid.

M^d that yt is ordered that Mr John Southun shall account for the yeares 1631 & 1632 as the fornamed Churchwardens haue done & to tender the said accounts at the next vestry.

GEO GOULDMAN Vica^r	GILBERT DETHICK
NICHOLAS DYCKENS	EDW DALTON
GEORGE CULLYMER	WALTER COKE
EDW: EDGEWORTHE	JOHN FFULLER
ROBERT ROOKE	WILLIAM JOBARNE:
JOHN CLARKE	

February 12 1633

At a vestry holden in the Vestrye howse Wendesday the twelth ffebruary, It was there agreed by Jonas Jeames[1] of Ratcliffe Marriner in the open vestrie aforesd, that for an in consideracon of a Monumt set vp in the churchyard by the sd Jonas Jeames, That he will at all times paie or cause to be paid vnto the Churchwardens for the time being, the some of ffoure shillings yearely at or vppon the ffeast day of St Thomas the Apostle In witness whereof he the sd Jonas Jeames hath herevnto set his hand the day and yeare abouesd

p me JONAS JAMES

GEORGE DOUGLAS[2] Viccar, witnes.
WILLIAM JOBARNE
GEORGE WALKER
THO HART
JOHN: SUTHUN
} Churchwardens

February 12 1633

At a vestry holden in the vestry on Wednesday ffebruary 12 1633, It was ordered and decreed that Doctor Douglas now vicar of the pish of Stepney shall haue the pence commonly called the Paschall pence for two yeares payeng therefore for the said yeares the iust summe of sixe pounds thirteene shillings and fower pence p annum vnto the Churchwardens of the pish for the time being toward the vse of the poore, and also during the said yeares shall find and prouide sufficient bread & wine att all such times as the holy communion shalbe administred during the said yeares vizt att the feast of Easter next, for the yeare passed since the death of doctor Gouldman the iust summe of sixe pounds thirteene shillings & fower pence, and at the feast of Easter wch shalbe

[1] Jonas James was later churchwarden in 1639 and 1640. He died in 1652, and left land by will to Captain John Crowther (see below).—Stepney Court Rolls, Dec. 4, 1652, Roll B.

[2] George Douglas, 'a Scot, M.A. of Aberdeen—a supplicate for incorporation July 11, 1628.'—Wood's Fasti Oxon.

in the yeare 1635 the like summe of sixe pounds thirteene shillings & fower pence, And to this order the vicar & vestrymen haue sett to their hands the day & yeare aboue written.

GEORGE DOUGLAS Viccar		NICHOLAS DYCKENS
EDW: EDGEWORTHE		JOHN BENNETT
GEORGE WALKER	Church-wardens.	ANT°: TUTCHEN
WILLIAM JOBARNE:		Wm EWEN
JOHN SUTHUN		EDWARD CHANDLER
THO HART		GEORGE CULLYMER
WILLIAM PYOT.		R BROMFILD
JOH: FREND		JOHN GREAVES
RO: KAYL		WILL GOLDSTON
HENRY DETHICK		ROBERT ROOKE
RO: SALMON		JOHN FFULLER
WALTER COKE		

Aprill 8 1634

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on Aprill 8 1634, being Tuesday in Easter weeke for the Elecc̃on of Churchwardens & other Officers according to the Canons of the Church in that case made & prouided were chosen Churchwardens the persons hereafter named to serue for the yeare ensuing in the Office of Churchwardens in this present yeare 1634 whereof all foure continew newly elected according to the custome of the p̃ish of Stepney

In Ratcliffe	Mr William Jobarne
In Limehouse	Mr George Walker
In Popler	Mr John Southan
In Mile end	Mr Thomas Hart.

Elected also for Sidemen to serue in the said p̃ish according to the custome thereof for this present yeare 1634

In Ratcliffe	Nathaneell Hawkins
In Limehouse	William Dunne
In Popler	John Catterall
In Mile end	Samuell Cornewall.

Itm whereas in Aprill 1632 there was a Landscot made toward the repaire of the ꝑish Church of Stepney at the rate of vj^{d} the acre, as by a decree made Aprill 16. 1632[1] at fo 85 may appeare, and also September 5 1632 there was an assessm^{t} made according to the personall estates of men, as by 4 seuerall bookes tendred by the 4 Churchwardens then being wch seuerall rates amounting in the whole to 84^{li} & vpwards as by an order sett downe fo 85 may appeare, Now yt is ordered & decreed forasmuch as the ruines of the ꝑish Church of Stepney are exceeding great, that all those that occupie land in the said ꝑish, whether Inhabitants or Outdwellers, shall presently pay to the Churchwardens of the ꝑish the said rate of sixe pence the acre, and euery one that is an Inhabitant and occupieth no land shall pay the seuerall rates formerlie imposed vpon them in the 4 bookes formerlie tendred & confirmed in the vestry toward the present repaire of the said Church. And the said Collection, Landscott and Assessm^{t} to be collected by the Churchwardens of the said ꝑish, and to be accounted of as for any other mony due to the ꝑish Church of Stepney aforesaid

Itm yt is ordered & decreed that the 4 churchwardens shall ioyntly demaund of Mrs Gouldman the mony behind & vnpaid for the Paschall pence in the life time of doctor Gouldman late Vicar deceased.

GEORGE DOUGLAS Viccar		RO SALMON
EDW: EDGEWORTHE		JOHN FFULLER
WILLIAM JOBARNE	Church-wardens	WILLIAM SWANLEY
THO HART		Wm EWEN
GEORGE WALKER		JOHN GREAVES
JOHN: SUTHUN		EDWARD CHANDLER
WILL GOLDSTON		HILLARIE MEMPRIS
ANT^{o}: TUTCHEN		RICHARD R P PHILLIPS marke
WALTER COKE		ROBERT ROOKE
JOH: FREND		
T. BEST		

[1] There is a confusion between April 9 and August 16. Both deal with the landscot. The latter is on fol. 85 (see pp. 136-9), but the total is £81 not £84.

September 23 1634

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on Tuesday September 23. 1634 by the vicar & vestrymen then and there assembled It was ordered decreed & concluded in maner & forme folowing.

Impr that whereas there is certaine monies in the hands of Mrs Jane Gouldman due by the name of Paschall pence in the life time of doctor Gouldman late deceased and to the vse of the poore of the said pish, if vpon the demaund of the said monies by the Churchwardens or any of them, she the said Mrs Gouldman shall refuse to pay the said mony, then yt is decreed that the Churchwardens shall take such course in law as ys fitt & convenient for the speedie recouery of the said monies,

Itm. whereas there is a want of much mony for the defrayeing of the charges arising for the repayre of the Church It is orderered and decreed that all the land in the pish of Stepney occupied as well by outdwellers as the Inhabitants shall pay sixe pence an aker for so much land as they occupie, for the satisfieng of the debts owing and for the continuance of the repaire of the said Church. And for the residue that shalbe wanting, yt is referred to a voluntary contribution among the rest of the Inhabitants of the said pish. And also that all such as refuse voluntarylie to contribute vnto the said repaire that then all such as so refuse shalbe assessed and rated toward the said repaire & the continuance thereof according to an assessmt formerlie made.,

George Douglas Viccar	Ro: Salmon
Edw: Edgeworthe	W. Pyot
T. Best	John Bennett
Walter Coke	William Jobarne
Joh: Frend	Tho Hart
Hillarie Mempris	Wm Ewen
George Cullymer	Will Goldston
George Walker	Mychill Gisbe
Edw. Dalton	Robert Rooke

Nouember 21 1634[1]

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on ffriday Nouember 21 1634, It was ordered & decreed by the vicar & vestrymen then assembled that whereas there was a want of vestrymen vizt in the Hamlett of Ratcliffe by the departure of Mr Robert Kayll out of the pish and the death of Mr Edward Chandler & Mr John Clearke, these persons folowing should be vestrymen in theire stead & so to be held & reputed, Mr Christopher Browne, Mr Wm Pulman & Mr John Tatton. And in the Hamlet of Popler by the death of diuers of the vestrymen there, these persons folowing should be vestrymen in their stead & so to be reputed & held, Mr Robert Fotherby, Mr Edward Steuens & Mr John Ducy. and so these persons folowing to be accounted for vestrymen for the time being & none other vizt

Mr DOCTOR DOUGLAS vicar

In Ratcliffe		In Limehouse
3 Sr John Lee Knight		1 Mr John Greaues
2 Mr Edw. Dalton	*dead*	2 Mr Richard Philips
1 Mr Thos: Best		3 Mr John Bennet
4 Mr Rob: Salmon		6 Mr George Walker
5 Mr Rob: Rookes		7 Mr Wm Ewens
6 Mr Wm Golston		4 Mr Richard Broomefeild
7 Mr Samuell Goldsmith		5 Mr Anthony Tutchen
8 Mr Wm Jobarne		3 Mr Henry Riuers
9 Mr Christopher Browne	*dead*	9 Mr Wm Hyat
10 Mr Wm Pulman	*gone*	10 Mr Wm Bushell.
11 Mr John Tatton		
Mr Wm Mellish[2]		

In Mile end	In Popler
1 Mr Michaell Gisby	1 Mr John West
4 Mr George Cullimer	2 Mr Gilbert Dethick

[1] Two pages are here left blank.

[2] William Mellish, Alderman of London, and J.P. (see p. 184). In April, 1633, when he married Martha Gouldsmith, of Stepney, he is described as 'of Grayes Inne, in Com. Midd^x Esquier.'—Stepney Registers, State Papers, Dom. (1650).

(*In Mile end*)	(*In Popler*)
5 Mr Randolph Wetwood	3 Mr Henry Dethick
6 Mr Nicholas Dickens	4 Mr Wm Swanly
2 Mr John Friend	5 Mr John Fuller
3 Mr Walter Cooke	6 Mr John Southan
7 Mr Edw: Edgeworthe	7 Mr Robert Fotherby
8 Mr Wm Pyot	8 Mr Edw: Steuens
9 Mr Hillary Mempris	9 Mr John Ducy
10 Mr Tho: Hart	

Februarij 27 1634

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on ffriday ffebruary 27 1634 by the vicar & vestrymen then assembled It is ordered and decreed that whereas there is a want of roome in the Church for the receiuing of the Inhabitants when they repaire to church, there shall therefore a gallery bee made on the South side of the said Church from end to end, and the breadth to be from the South wall ouer the South Ile and the Columnes to stand within the corners of the Pewes next to the north side of the South Ile

Itm whereas there was ffifty pounds geuen by the Company of the Mercers, London, to the Church of Stepney wch summe is laid out by the Churchwardens It is ordered that the Landscott and assessment formerlie made and the voluntary Contribucon formerly agreed vpon being collected shall repay the said ffifty pounds and the said ffifty pounds to be expended and laid out toward the building of the gallery aforesaid.

To these orders now concluded on, as also to the ratification of the order made formerly in the vestry Nouember 21 1634 last past concerning the choise of vestry men, the vicar & vestrymen haue theire hand subscribed

George Douglas	Robert Rooke
Viccar :/	Edw: Steuens
Edw: Edgeworthe	Joh Ducie

T. BEST	GEORGE WALKER	Church-wardens
RO: SALMON	THO HART	
WALTER COKE	WILLIAM JOBARNE:	
JOH: FREND	JOHN: SUTHUN	
WILL GOLDSTON	JN° TOTTON	
CHR BROWNE	WILLIAM PULMAN	
RANDALL WETTWOOD		

March 31 1635

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on Tuesday March 31 1635 being Tuesday in Easter weeke, It was ordered & decreed in the maner & forme folowing vizt whereas at a vestry holden ffeb 12 1633 The pence commonly called the Paschall pence were demised & lett to Mr Dr Douglas for two yeares for the annuall summe of sixe pounds thirteene shillings & fower pence Now yt is ordered and concluded that the said Dr Douglas now vicar shall enioy the said Paschall pence for the said yearelie rent to be paid as formerly to the vse of the poore, so long as he the said Dr Douglas shall continew vicar there

Itm at the said vestry were elected & chosen Churchwardens these persons hereafter named to serue for the yeare ensuing in the office of Churchwardens: vizt for this present yeare 1635 being all newlie elected.

In Ratcliffe	Mr John Dalby[1]
In Limehouse	Mr Wm Ewens
In Popler	Mr Robart Fotherbye
In Mile end	Mr John Friend.

Elected also for Sidemen to serue in the said pish, being newly elected for this present yeare 1635.

In Ratcliffe	Nathaneel Hawkins
In Limehouse	William Dunne

[1] John Dalby owned land in Hackney as well as some at Ratcliffe Cross, and The White Horse in Mile End. His daughter Susan married Captain Wm. Thomas (see below), and was buried in Shadwell Church, 1662. His death was 'presented' to the Manorial Court on December 3, 1663.—Lysons' Environs; Stepney Court Rolls, i. 210; v. 168, etc.

In Popler	John Caterall
In Mile end	Andrew Graues
& for Spittlefeilds in that Hamlett	James Dantier[1]

Elected also for Auditors for the Churchwardens accounts for the two yeares passed together wth the minister according to the Canons.

In Ratcliffe	In Limehouse
Mr Tho: Best	Mr Anthony Tutchen
Mr Edw. Dalton	Mr John Bennet
In Popler	**In Mile end**
Mr John Fuller	Mr Walter Cooke
Mr Hen: Dethick	Mr Nicholas Dickens

GEORGE DOUGLAS Viccar :/	WILLIAM PYOT	
	ANT^{o}: TUTCHEN	
EDW: EDGEWORTHE	JOHN FULLER	
HILL^{r} MEMPRIS	RANDALL WETTWOOD	
JOH DUCIE	JOHN GREAVES	
T. BEST	GEORGE WALKER	Churchwardens
RO: SALMON	WILLIAM JOBARNE	Churchwardens
GILBERT DETHICK	THO HART	Churchwardens
ROBERT ROOKE	JOHN: SUTHUN	Churchwardens
RO: FFOTHERBYE	NICHOLAS DYCKENS	
WALTER COKE	WILL GOLDSTON	
JOHN BENNETT	GEORGE COLLYMER	
HENRY DETHICK	RICHARD R P PHILIPS (*mark*)	

Julij 6° 1635

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on Munday July 6 1635 the Churchwardens of the ꝑish of Stepney for the 2 yeares last past theyre time of service expired did tender euery one theire bookes of accounts of their receipts & dis-

[1] James Dantier got into trouble as one of the collectors of the rate made in aid of the plague-stricken (1636). See under Jenney, on p. 165.

bursem^{ts} for theire said time being examined & alowed by the seuerall Auditors in theire seuerall hamletts appointed, wch accounts so tendered were accepted and approued by the said vestry as by the seuerall subscriptions to the said seuerall accounts appeareth.

Itm. at the said vestry It was thought fitt to allow the Churchwarden of Ratcliffe another Sideman to be his assistant, & therefore John Willoughby[1] of Prusons Iland in the Hamlet of Ratcliffe was elected & chosen to be a Sideman in the Hamlet of Ratcliffe for this present yeare 1635.

GEORGE DOUGLAS viccar:/	JOHN FFULLER
EDW: EDGEWORTHE	WILLIAM SWANLEY
JOHN DALBY Chur:	GEORGE COLLYMER
Wm EWEN Churchwarden	EDW: STEUENS
JOH: FREND Church-warden	THO HART
	WILLIAM JOBARNE:
WALTER COKE	WILL GOLDSTON
ANT^{o}: TUTCHEN	HILLARIE MEMPRIS

July 15 1635

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on Wednesday July 15 1635 It was ordered & decreed that for the necessary repayre of the North side of the Church in leading, timber & stoneworke there should be raysed the iust summe of three-hundred pounds in the seuerall hamletts of the pish in maner & forme folowing vi3^{t} the hamlett of Ratcliffe to be charged & to leuy three eights of the said summe of three hundred pounds & the other three Hamletts Limehouse Milend & Popler to be charged wth & to leuie the summe of one hundred & fifty pounds wch said summes so imposed & laid vpon the said seuerall hamletts are to be paid at two seuerall pay-

[1] John Willoughby, probably the same man (a shipwright) who married by license, from New Gravel Lane, Rebecca Mountfort, of White Horse Street, October 30, 1634.—Stepney Registers.

ments vizt the one halfe & moitye to be paid to the Churchwardens betweene this & the feast of St Michaell Th'archangell next coming & the other moyty to be paid to the Churchwardens betweene the feast of Easter & Midsommer in the yeare 1636, and those summes so assessed are to be collected by the Churchwardens of the pish at the seuerall times of paym^{t} before expressed

GEORGE DOUGLAS	JOHN DALBY	Churchwardens
EDW: EDGEWORTHE	Wm EWEN	
WM. PYOT	JOH: FREND	
HENRY DETHICK	RO: FFOTHERBYE	
JOHN WEST	RO: SALMON.	
NICHOLAS DYCKENS	GEORGE WALKER	
JOHN GREAVES	ANT^{o}: TUTCHEN	
MYCHELL GISBE	JOHN TOTTON	
GEORGE COLLYMER	WILL GOLDSTON	
JOHN: SUTHUN	RICHARD R P PHILIPS his marke	
GILBERT DETHICK		
EDW DALTON	HILLARIE MEMPRIS	

Aprill 20. 1636.

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on Wednesday Aprill 20 1636, being Wednesday in Easter weeke, for the election of Churchwardens & others officers according to the Canons of the Church in that case made & prouided, were chosen Churchwardens these persons hereafter named to serue for this present yeare in the Office of Churchwardens whereof all fower continew newly elected according to the custome of the pish of Stepney.

In Ratcliffe	Mr John Dalby
In Limehouse	Mr Wm Ewens
In Popler	Mr Robert Fotherby.
In Mile end	Mr John Frend

Elected also for Sidemen to serue in the said pish being newlie elected for this present yeare 1636.

In Ratcliffe	Nathaneel Haulkins John Willoughby
In Lime-house	William Dunne
In Popler	John Caterall
In Milend	Andrew Graues
& Spittlefeilds	James Dantier.

[1]At the same vestry it was ordered & decreed that whereas the plague is in some places of the pish and in likelihood the contagion may spread further in the same pish, for the releeuing and succouring of such as are or shalbe visited wth the said infection whether in all the seuerall hambletts ioyntly or in any one hamblet particularly, that the whole pish and euery Hamblet therein shalbe liable to the releeuing of them so visited in maner folowing vi3^t^ the Hamblett of Ratcliffe to pay three parts, the hamblett of Limehouse two parts the hamlett of Mile end two parts & the hamblett of Popler one part. During the whole continuance of the said visitation and the care of the performance hereof to remaine in the Churchwardens, and to account for theire receipts & disbursem^ts^ as in any other monies receiued by them.

Also at the said vestry yt was ordered & decreed that the old gallery standing in the middle part of the church toward the North Ile shalbe taken downe by the Churchwardens betweene Easter & Whitsontide this present yeare vnto the crosse gallery at the west end, that preparation may be made for the erecting of a new gallery on the north syde vniform to that new made & on the south side. And that the Commission graunted by the Lord Bishop of London for the new building of the gallery alreadie built, for the taking downe of the old galleryes & for the erecting of a new gallery on the North side may presently be taken out by the Church-

[1] Repealed. See p. 165.

wardens that thereby what is already done may be confirmed, and they may be authorized for the performance of what remaines yet to be performed. As also that Mr Mellish shalbe a vestryman in the stead of Mr Dalton[1] deceased.

GEORGE DOUGLAS Viccar:/	WILLIAM JOBARNE:
EDW: EDGEWORTHE	THO HART
JOHN DALBY	NICHOLAS DYCKENS
JOH FREND	WILLIAM PYOT
Wm EWEN	HILLARIE MEMPRIS
RO: FFOTHERBYE	JOHN GREAVES
JOHN FFULLER	ROBERT ROOKE
JOHN TOTTON	RANDALL WETTWOOD

Aprill 13. 1637

At a Vestry holden in ye Vestry house on Thursday in Easter weeke April 13. 1637, for ye election of Churchwardens & other officers according to ye Canon were Chosen Churchwardens these ꝑsons hereafter named to serue for this ꝑsent yeare in ye office of Churchwardens viz:

In Ratcliffe	Mr Francis Zachary[2]
In Limehouse	Mr Daniell Darling[3]
In Popler	Mr Edward Stevens
In Mileend	Mr Joseph Cope.

It is alsoe ordered at ye said Vestry that Every severall Churchwarden is to Nominate his Sideman and to ꝑsent his name to ye Vestry, and the Vestry to like and approve of them or to Choose others.

And these persons ensuing were nominated at a vestry holden on Tuesday May 9. 1637 and by the vestry then assembled alowed and confirmed to serue as Sidemen for this present yeare 1637

[1] 'Edward Dalton, of Ratcliffe, gent.,' was buried January 29, 1635-6. He had been a member of the vestry nearly 40 years (see pp. 29 and 46).

[2] Francis Zachary, citizen and brewer, of London.—State Papers, Adv. of Money, i.

[3] Daniel Darling, of Limehouse, brewer, was buried July 22, 1642, and left money to the poor. See (below) Stepney Registers. See Visitation of London, 1634, Harl. Soc., ed. 1, p. 216.

In Ratcliffe	Thomas Williams and John Willoughby
In Limehouse	Thomas Cutlett[1]
In Popler	John Hawkins[2]
In Milend	Francis Taliafero and William Heath.[3]

At ye time aforesaid were Chosen auditors to audit ye Churchwardens accounts as followeth viz.

For Ratcliffe	Mr Robert Salmon.
	Mr Wm Goldston.
For Limehouse	Mr John Bennet
	Mr Anthony Tutchen.
For Popler	Mr John Suthun
	Mr John Fuller
For Mile end	Mr Nicholas Dickens.
	Mr Geo Collimor.

It is further agreed upon & concluded, that after ye Auditors have ꝑfited the accounts of ye Churchwardens the same accounts shall bee re-surveyed by those ꝑsons hereunder Nominated viz:

Doctor Geo: Douglass	Mr Henry Detheck.
Mr Tho: Best	Mr Walter Coke
Mr John Greaves.[4]	

At ye same vestry (whereas there was a want in ye Number of vestrymen) were chosen for vestry men these ꝑsons following.

[1] Thomas Cutlett, of Limehouse, citizen and tallow chandler.—Stepney Court Rolls, vii. 62; ix. 281, etc.

[2] John Hawkins, of Ratcliffe, was biscuit-baker to the Royal Navy.—State Papers, Domestic, and Adv. of Money, i.

[3] William Heath, a ship's carpenter, and later a purser's mate, in the East India Company's service, was married, August 28, 1628, at Stepney, to Mary Hunter, of the same parish.—State Papers, Colonial, E.I.; Chester's Marriage Licenses.

[4] The last appearance of John Graves, shipwright, of Limehouse. His first wife, Sarah Chester, died within a few months of their marriage, and almost at once he married Susan Hoxton, June 24, 1624. Six years later he again was married—May 18, 1630—and to Mary Raymond. See his Yard in the Map.—Stepney Registers.

For Ratcliff	Mr John Dalby
	Mr Jonas James.
For Limehouse	Mr John Hemman[1]
	Mr Henry West[2] &
	Mr Daniel Darling.

Aprill 13. 1637.

At a Vestry holden in ye Vestry house at ye time aforesaid, was agreed and consented unto, that for all such psons as are poore and their buriall duties not paied by reason thereof, the Churchwardens of every severall hamblet shall pay the duties in this maner viz. to Mr Vicar seaven pence, to ye Clerke ffoure pence and to ye Sexton foure pence for all such burialls as aforesaid and noe more

To all the severall orders conteined in this page and the last page aforewritten bearing date this 13th of Aprill 1637. wee have agreed & consented & in testimony thereof have hereto set our hands Aprill. 13. 1637. aforesaid.

GEORGE DOUGLAS viccar:/	WILLIAM JOBARNE
NICHOLAS DYCKENS	T. BEST
JOHN BENNETT	WILL: MELLISH
JOHN TOTTON	WALTER COKE
GEORGE COLLYMER	Wm EWEN
JOHN FFULLER	ANTo: TUTCHENS
RO: FFOTHERBYE	JOHN DALBY
WILL GOLDSTON	JOHN: SUTHUN
ROBERT ROOKE	

[1] Mr. John Henman, or Heaman, mariner, was buried September 25, 1657. A namesake of his, a ropemaker of Wentworth Street, in 1624 performed the feat of marrying two wives within six months.—Stepney Registers.

[2] Captain Henry West was master of the privateer *Transport*, of London, 180 tons, in 1626, and three years later he appears as a petitioner to Secretary Dorchester, praying that the '*St. Denis* alias *Device*, of Olona, taken by the petitioner during the late war between England and France, and condemned and divided under sentence of the Court of Admiralty, may not be inserted in the treaty of Restitution between France & England.' Early in 1630 he was again a petitioner, this time for a permit to bring his prize into 'Minehead, for better sale of her cargo of pitch and Rosin.' He died in 1657, and was buried in Stepney Churchyard August 27.—State Papers, Domestic Lysons' Environs; Stepney Registers and Court Rolls, ii. 199-203.

July 21 1637

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on ffriday July 21. 1637. was presented in the vestry the Accounts of Mr John Frend Churchwarden of Mile end wherein vpon his account there resteth the iust summe of 14^{li} 8^{s} 8^{d} due to the ꝑish Church of Stepney wch being pervsed was in the said vestry approued and alowed and paid ouer the said day in the vestry house.

Itm there was presented in the said vestry the Accounts of Mr Robert ffotherbye Churchwarden for Popler, wherein vpon his accounts there resteth the iust summe of 9^{li} 13^{s} 0^{d} due to the ꝑish Church of Stepnie wch being pervsed in the said vestry was approued & alowed & paid ouer the said day in the vestry house.

Itm there was presented in the said vestry the Accounts of Mr Wm Ewens Churchwarden of Limehouse wherein vpon his accounts there resteth due to the ꝑish Church the iust summe of 16^{li} 19^{s} 5^{d} whereof he paid ouer the said day in the vestry house 4^{li} 2^{s} 11^{d} so there resteth payable to the ꝑish church of Stepney the iust summe of 12^{li} 16^{s} 6^{d} wch being pervsed in the said vestry was approued and alowed, Alwayes prouided if the Inhabitants of Limehouse shall before the feast of St Michaell next ensuing collect in theire said Hamlet the aforesaid summe of 12^{li} 16^{s} 6^{d}. and tender & deliuer the said summe vnto the vestry in the vestry house

Itm there was presented in the said vestry the accounts of Mr John Dalby Churchwarden for Ratcliffe which were found Imperfect, and therefore left to be made more ꝑticular & more perfect

Itm att the said vestry It was ordered that whereas the Churchwardens of the ꝑish in former times haue vsually paid diuers summes of monies for maymed souldiers, hospitalls and the like, out of the church monies, if hereafter the Churchwardens for the time being or hereafter shalbe in this ꝑish shall expend & lay out for the vse aforesaid any of the Church

monies, It shalbe charged vpon themselues, nether shalbe hereafter alowed vpon any of theire accounts.

Itm yt is ordered that when any collection is made for the redeeming of any Captiue, that the party requiring such collection shall first put in sufficient security for the employing of the mony so collected for the end aforesaid, and if the Captiue for whom the said collection is made shall die before his redemption then to repay the said summe or summes so collected in the pish to the vse of the poore of the pish.

It is also ordered that when any ringing shalbe extraordinary in the pish, except such as shalbe commanded or alowed by the Canons and constitutions of the church, they that ring shall pay two shillings and sixepence for euery peale they shall obtaine leaue to ring, to the vse and benefitt of the Church, to be receiued by the Churchwardens & to be accounted for as other church duties by them to be receiued.,

GEORGE DOUGLAS viccar:,	FFRANCIS ZACHARY	Churchwardens
EDW: EDGEWORTHE	EDW: STEUENS	
T. BEST	JOSEPH COPE	
HENRY DETHICK	DANIELL DARLING	
WALTER COKE	JOHN BENNETT	
JOHN FULLER	WILL GOLDSTON	
RO: SALMON	MYCHELL GISBI	
ANTO: TUTCHEN	JOHN: SUTHUN	

October 19. 1637.

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on Thursday October 19 1637 was presented the accounts of Mr John Dalby late churchwarden of Ratcliffe wch hauing beene pervsed by George Douglas doctor of diuinity vicar Mr Thomas Best, Mr Anthony Tutchen, Mr Henry Dethick, and Mr Walter Cooke appointed supervizers of the said accounts by whom yt was found that the said John Dalby was endebted to the pish church of Stepney the iust summes of Eleuen pounds, four-

teene shillings and seuen pence to ballance his accounts, and fifty foure pounds two shillings and nine pence, the remainder of three eight parts of three hundred pounds wherewth the Hamlett of Ratcliffe was formerly charged as by a former decree doth appeare, being the last part of the Collection to be made It is now ordered & decreed that the said John Dalby wth the Inhabitants of Ratcliffe shall levy and collect the said summe of 54^{li}. 2^{s}. 9^{d} and the same the said John Dalby shall bring into the said vestry betweene this and the feast of the Purification next ensuing to be there disposed to the benefitt of the church by the vestry

Itm yt is also ordered that the Churchwardens shall new lead the steeple and go forward in the making & erecting of a new gallery on the North side of the church, and theire expence and charges to be alowed by the vestry.

GEORGE DOUGLAS viccar:/	T. BEST
EDW: EDGEWORTHE	RO: SALMON
WALTER COKE	HENRY DETHICK
FFRANCIS ZACHARY } Church-	JOHN FFULLER
DANIELL DARLING } wardens	HILLARIE MEMPRIS
JOSEPH COPE }	

March 29 1638

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on Thursday March xxixth 1638 being Thursday in Easter weeke for the electing of Churchwardens and other Officers according to the Canons of the Church in that case made & prouided were chosen Churchwardens these persons hereafter named to serue for this present yeare in the office of Churchwardens : whereof all fower continew newlie elected according to the Custome of the said pish of Stepney.

In Ratcliffe	Mr Francis Zachary.
In Limehouse	Mr Daniell Darling
In Popler	Mr Edw: Stephens
In Mile end	Mr Joseph Cope.

Elected for Sidemen to serue in the said pish being newlie elected for this present yeare 1638

In Ratcliffe	Thomas Williams & John Willoughby
In Limehouse	Thomas Cutlet
In Popler	John Hawkins
In Mile end	Francis Taliafero & William Heath.

GEORGE DOUGLAS viccar:/	WILLIAM JOBARNE:	
EDW: EDGEWORTHE	WILL: MELLISH	
JOH: FREND	FFRANCIS ZACHARY	Church-wardens
JOHN FFULLER	DANIELL DARLING	
ROBERT ROOKE	JOSEPH COPE	

October 9 1638

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on Tuesday October 9 1638, yt was ordered that whereas a petiõn hath bene lately preferred to his Matie by Drue Best & Thomas Glouer pretending themselues to be Churchwardens, as they call yt of the pish of Stratford Bow[1] whereas yt is most notorious that Stratford Bow is but a Chapellrie w^th^in & belonging to the pish of Stepney and whereas the consideraõn of the said petiõn by his Matie is referred to the most Reuerend ffather in God the Lo: Archbishop of Canterbury his Grace, and the Right hon^ble^ the Lo: Keeper. Now forasmuch as the contents of the said petiõn do very much trench vpon the liberties, immunities and priuiledges of the pish of Stepney we the Inhabitants vestry men of the pish of Stepney do appoint Joseph Cope of Mileend Churchwarden and Mr William Mellish of Stepney gent. or any one[2] of them to attend the said reference, and to sollicite and follow the same busines in the name & behalfe of the said pish of Stepney and to take care so farre as in them

[1] Compare p. 1, note.
[2] One inserted in place of two, and a space left for a third name.

lieth, that no preiudice arise to the said pish of Stepney in any of the Rights liberties and immunities aforesaid, and we do hereby promise to defray and discharge all such charges and expenses as they or ether of them shall reasonablie be at in attendance & sollicitation of this busines

Itm yt is ordered the same day that whereas there remayneth due from Mr John Dalby late Churchwarden of Ratcliffe, the iust summe of 54li 2s 9d wch should haue bene assessed & collected in Ratcliffe and deliuered in to the vestry before the feast of the Purification last past, that therefore Mr ffrancis Zachary, Churchwarden of Ratcliffe shall immediately call together the Inhabitants of Ratcliffe to make the said assessemt to levy the same & to deliuer yt in to the vestry for the vse & benefitt of the pish Church of Stepney, betweene this present meeting and the Annuntiacon next ensuing.

GEORGE DOUGLAS Viccar:	DANIELL DARLING Churchward
T. BEST	JOSEPH COPE Churchward
EDW: EDGEWORTHE	GILBERT DETHICK
FFRANCIS ZACHARY Church	RO. SALMON
WALTER COKE	WILL: MELLISH
JOH: FREND	THO HART
GEORGE CULLYMER	JOHN WEST
WILLIAM PYOT	JOHN: SUTHUN
HENRY DETHICK	ANTO: TUTCHEN

The names[1] of the vestry men in Febr: 1638

In Ratcliffe	In Limehouse
Sr John Lee Knight	Mr John Bennet
Mr Tho: Best	Mr Richard Bromefeild
Mr Rob: Salmon	Mr Anthony Tutchen
Mr Rob: Rookes	Mr Wm Hyat.

[1] Inserted in the MS. on a blank space after the entry of April 13, 1637.

(*In Ratcliffe*)	(*In Limehouse*)
Mr Wm Goldston	Mr John Hemman
Mr Samuell Gouldsmith	Mr Henry West
Mr Wm Jobarne	Mr Daniel Darling
Mr Wm Mellish	
Mr John Dalby	
Mr Jonas James	

In Mile end	In Popler
Mr Michaell Gisbe[1]	Mr John West.
Mr John Frend.	Mr Gilbert Dethick
Mr Walter Cooke	Mr Henry Dethick
Mr George Cullimer	Mr Wm Swanly
Mr Randolph Wetwood	Mr John Fuller
Mr Nicholas Dickens	Mr John Southan
Mr Edw: Edgeworthe	Mr Rob: Fotherby
Mr Wm Pyott	Mr Edw: Steuens
Mr Hillary Mempris	Mr John Ducy
Mr Tho: Hart	

Aprill 18 1639

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on Thursday Aprill 18 1639, being Thursday in Easter weeke, for the Election of Churchwardens, and other officers according to the Canons of the Church in that case made & provided, where chosen Churchwardens these persons hereafter named to serue for the yeare ensuing, in the office of Churchwardens, vizt in this present yeare 1639 being all newly elected. vizt

In Ratcliffe	Mr Jonas James
In Limehouse	Mr John Hemman
In Poplar	Mr Henry Dethick
In Mile end	Mr Hillary Mempris

Itm Elected for Sidemen to serue in the said pish for this present year 1639

[1] Last appearance of Michaell Gisbe, brickmaker, of Collier Lane. He married Joan Davis, of Shoreditch, April 22, 1606, and was buried September 8, 1654.—Stepney Registers.

In Ratcliffe	Nathaneel Hawkins & John Clerke of Shadwell
In Limehouse	Thomas Cutlet.
In Popler	William Sorrocold[1]
In Mile end	Thomas Mempris[2] and John Jenney.[3]

Itm whereas Aprill 20 1636 It was ordered that for the releife of the visited poore of the pish ioyntly and seuerally in any pt of the pish considered as by the said order appeareth that ye said pish & euery Hamlett should pay wch hath beene accordingly by the seuerall Hamletts in the said pish effected the said order being only to continue during the said visitation & no longer, now the said visitation is ceased It is ordered the said order shalbe repealed & be vtterly void

Elected also for Auditors for the Churchwardens accounts

In Ratcliffe	In Limehouse
Mr Robt Salmon	Mr Anthony Tutchen
Mr Wm Goldston	Mr Henry West
In Popler	**In Mile end**
Mr John Southun	Mr Nicholas Dickens
Mr John Fuller	Mr Geo: Cullimer

It is further agreed vpon and concluded that after the Auditors haue perfited the accounts of the Churchwardens

[1] William Serocold, Serecole, or Sorocole, of Poplar, an ironmonger, of London. He married Anne Spencer, and was buried January 11, 1651. She survived him only three months, and was buried April 19, 1652.—Stepney Registers; Visitation of London, 1634, Harl. Soc. ed. 2, p. 254.

[2] Mr. Thomas Mempris, of Mile End Green, gent., was brother and heir (1652) of Hillary Mempris (see p. 140), a prominent man in local affairs, and keeper of the Homage Book of the Manor, in succession to Walter Cooke (see p. 98). He died December, 1657, and was buried on the 11th; and by will, dated April 11, 1655, left his property to his wife and two sons, Michael and Hillary.—Stepney Court Rolls, ii. 85, iv. 150, 169; and Registers.

[3] John Jenney, in 1636, was appointed to collect in Wentworth Street, Spitalfields, and Artillery Lane, the rate made by the J.P.'s and Vestry (see p. 155) on behalf of the sufferers from the plague. One, Mrs. Pearson, refused to pay her rate, and was imprisoned. In revenge she summoned him, James Dantier (see p. 152), and others, for false imprisonment, and he had to appeal to the Council for protection. He lived in Wentworth Street, and was buried January 6, 1671.—State Papers, Domestic; Stepney Registers.

the same accounts shalbe re-audited and reexamined by these persons hereafter named vizt

Doctor Geo: Douglas
Mr Wm Jobarne
Mr Hugh Allaby[1]
Mr Gilbert Dethick
Mr John Frend

Item at the said vestry these persons folowing were chosen vestrymen in the stead of them that are wanting

In Limehouse	In Popler
Mr Hugh Allaby	Mr Henry Hall.[2]
Mr Edw: Kedden	

GEORGE DOUGLAS viccar:,	JOHN FFULLER
EDW: EDGEWORTHE	WILLIAM JOBARNE
EDW: STEUENS	JOHN HEAMAN
DANIELL DARLING	p me JOHN DALBY
JOSEPH COPE	WALTER COKE
GEORGE: CULLYMER	JOH: FREND
ANT^{o} TUTCHEN	THO HART
	JOHN: SUTHUN

May 16. 1639

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on Thursday May 16 1639 It was ordered and decreed in maner and forme folowing vizt It is ordered that the Churchwardens

[1] Hugh Allaby, of Limehouse, gent., was buried July 30, 1658. He left an only daughter, Frances, who married May 4, 1647, William Warcapp, Fishmonger, and merchant of Limehouse.—Stepney Court Rolls, iii. 61 ; and Registers.

[2] Henry Hall, of Poplar, captain in the navy, was assessed at £80 in 1643 by the committee for the advance of money. He brought in £22 worth of plate to the Guildhall in October, and was dismissed for the time ; but a year later he was ordered to pay up half, and the rest when the navy committee pay him what he is owed. The first he did, but ten years later was had up for not having paid up the second half, and excused himself by saying that his arrears from the navy were not yet paid up, 'to his utter undoing.' His will was dated February 2, 1658-9, and he died before December 9, 1659, when his wife, Elizabeth, and his son, Henry (see below), were admitted to his property in Poplar.—State Papers ; Adv. of Money, i. ; Stepney Court Rolls, iii. 25.

for the time being for the time to come shall quarterly at the least, account wth him that shall be the Collector for the church vailes[1] as for bell mony, mony for breaking of the grownd in the Church and for the black clothes or any other duties that shall come due in this kind vnto the Church otherwise the said Collector for the said monies shall tender his account to the vestry att the next vestry after such quarter ended, and the mony due to the Church vpon the said accounts, wch accounts so tendered shalbe alowed in case of such default, by the said vestry

Itm yt is ordered that yf there shallbe at any time any danger of fire in any of the Hamletts of the said pish of Stepney, and therevpon the Bucketts belonging to the Church shalbe vsed, if any of them so lent and vsed shalbe casually or negligently broken & lost then they shalbe repaired by the whole pish euery Hamlett bearing theyre proportion according to order of diuisions in the said pish. but for any other vse they are not to be lent or vsed.

Itm. the said day there was receiued by the viccar, Churchwardens and vestry men from Cicilie Ambrose executrix of the last will and Testam^t^ of William Ambrose late of Stepney deceased the iust summe of ten pounds of lawfull mony of England to be employed as a stock for the setting of poore on worke as by the said will & Testamen^t^ doth and may plainlie appeare, wch said summe to the vse & entent aforesaid The viccar Churchwardens and vestry men do at this present vestry acknowledge themselues to haue receiued, and thereof do acquitt and discharge the said Cicily Ambrose by these presents.

GEORGE DOUGLAS viccar:

FFRANCIS ZACHARY
DANIELL DARLING
EDW: STEUENS
JOSEPH COPE
} Church-wardens

HILLARIE MEMPRIS
EDW: EDGEWORTHE
JOHN: SUTHUN
WALTER COKE
WILLIAM JOBARNE:

[1] That is, 'profits.'

HENRY DETHICK	JOHN DALBY
ROBERT ROOKE	JOHN HEAMAN
HENRY HALL	JONAS JAMES:
JOH DUCIE	HENRY WEST
HUGH ALLABY	

July 31 1639

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on Wednesday July 31 1639 It was ordered and decreed that the Churchwardens of this pish shall yearlie pay hereafter vnto the writer of the Transcript for euery yeare to be caried into the Byshops Registry the iust summe of forty shillings p annū

Itm yt is ordered and decreed that the Churchwardens shall repaire to the Company of the Mercers to vnderstand from them whether they will accept of the disposing, ordering and gouerning of the Almeshouses[1] on Mile end grene acording to the tenour of the will of Mr John Fuller Esquier deceased committed vnto them or altogether relinquish the same

GEORGE DOUGLAS viccar:/		WILLIAM JOBARNE:
EDW: EDGEWORTHE		ANTO: TUTCHEN
HENRY DETHICK	Church-wardens	JOHN FFULLER
JOHN HEAMAN		EDW: STEUENS
JONAS JAMES.		JOHN: SUTHUN
HILLARIE MEMPRIS		GEORGE CULLYMER
WALTER COKE		JOSEPH COPE
WILLIAM PYOT.		JOHN DALBY

September 20 1639

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on ffriday September 20 1639 for the choice of a churchwarden in the Hamlet of Popler the office being void by the death of Mr Henry Dethick late Churchwarden there, by the vicar and vestry men was chosen to serue in the said office of Churchwarden for the residue of this present yeare Mr Henry Hall of Popler.

[1] See p. 24.

Itm at the said vestry were chosen for vestry men these persons ensuing

In Ratcliffe	In Limehouse	In Popler
Mr Francis Zachary	Mr John Diggens	Mr Thomas Pye[1]
Mr Thomas Dauis[2]		Mr John Lenford[3]

Itm at the same vestry was presented the accounts of Mr ffrancis zachary & being examined were alowed and approued. also the Accounts of Mr Daniell Darling wch were also allowed & approued, vpon whose account there remayneth due to the said Mr darling the iust summe of fiue pounds and twelue shillings, and there remayneth due to Mr Zachary the iust summe of thirteene shillings and foure pence to be paid by the next churchwardens after them out of the first monies to be by them receiued.

GEORGE DOUGLAS viccar:
EDW: EDGEWORTHE
WALTER COKE
JOH: FREND
EDW: STEUENS
WILL GOLDSTON
JOHN WEST
ANTO: TUTCHEN

HUGH ALLABY
GEORGE COLLYMER
JOHN FFULLER
HENRY HALL.

JONAS JAMES
HILLARIE MEMPRIS
JOHN HEAMAN

Church-wardens

[1] Thomas Pye lived in North Street, Poplar, and in 1656 sold a wood he owned there to John Swanley (see below). He was assessed by the Parliamentary Committee for Advance of Money at £150, but in 1643 Henry Hall (see p. 166) and eight other parishioners certified that he had only £40 a year for himself, wife, and three small children, and his contribution was remitted. He died in 1658 or 1659.—Stepney Court Rolls, i. 136; ii. 225; State Papers, Adv. of Money, i.

[2] Captain Thomas Davis, mariner, of Mile End Green, in partnership with Henry Lee, and others, obtained Letters of Marque, in June, 1627, for the *Marigold* of London, 200 tons, Capt Pulberry. Six months later he and his partners obtained Letters for the privateer *Paragon*, 300 tons, and this time he took the command himself. He died in 1651, and was buried on September 25 of that year. His will, which was made verbally to his friends, Captain John Crowther and Thomas Hill, left all to his wife, Anne, and at her decease to his son Roger Davis.—State Papers, Domestic; Will at Somerset House; Stepney Registers.

[3] John Linford was a smith, of Poplar. He married, July 13, 1636, Alice Matthews, of Ratcliffe, and was buried June 13, 1641.—Stepney Registers.

Aprill 29 1641.

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on Thursday Aprill 29 1641, being Thursday in Easter weeke for the Election of Churchwardens and other officers, according to the Custome, were chosen for Churchwardens these persons hereafter named, to serue for the yeare ensuing in the office of Churchwardens vizt in this present yeare 1641, being all newlie elected.

In Ratcliffe	Mr John Berry[1] *& Mr Robert Clements*[2]
In Limehouse	Mr Edward Kedden
In Popler	Mr Thomas Pye
In Mileend	Mr James Dantier

Elected also for Sidemen to serue in the pish of Stepney for this present yeare 1641.

In Ratcliffe	Thomas Riggelswerthe[3]
In Limehouse	John Archer.
In Popler	John Eedes.[4]
In Mile end	John Jenney & Henry Bartlet

GEORGE DOUGLAS viccar.,	GEORGE COLLYMER	
	JOH DUCIE	
EDW. EDGEWORTHE	ROBERT ROOKE	
RO: SALMON	HENRY WEST	
WALTER COKE	JONAS JAMES	Church-wardens
JOH: FREND	HILLARIE MEMPRIS	
ANT^O: TUTCHEN	JOHN HEAMAN	
JOHN: SUTHUN	HENRY HALL	
WILLIAM JOBARNE.		

[1] Mr. John Berry, of St. George's, Southwarke, gent., was buried October 10, 1672.—Stepney Registers.

[2] Robert Clements, mast-maker, shipowner, and finally master shipwright of the Royal Navy, in conjunction with Peter Pett (see below). In the entry of his burial, September 25, 1646, he is called, 'Master R. C., of Wapping, shipwright.'—State Papers, Domestic (1637); Stepney Registers.

[3] Thomas Wriggleswood or Wriggelsworthe, a victualler of Stepney. He married Mary Horton, of Stepney, by licence, on April 3, 1627, and was buried January 11, 1642.—Stepney Registers.

[4] John Eedes (? the same man as J. E., of Wentworth Street, looking-glass maker, who married Anne Skegg, on September 4, 1628).—Stepney Registers.

May 19 1641

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house the day aforesaid: whereas the Hamlet of Ratcliffe is of late so largely encreased by the multitude of buildings & number of Inhabitants, that the well ordering of the same is found a burthen to heauie for one Churchwarden to execute, and whereas the Churchwarden and vestry men of the said Hamlet, or the greater part of them, together with diuers other the Inhabitants of the said Hamlet, haue desired the Addition & Election of one other Churchwarden in the said Hamlet, for the better & more easy regulating of the same: It is therefore at this vestry ordered & decreed, so farre as in vs lieth, that in the Hamlet of Ratcliffe shalbe chosen two Churchwardens, one in Ratcliffe, the other vpon wapping wall or elsewhere thereabouts, in maner & forme as other Churchwardens haue beene formerly chosen & vpon these condicons ensuing.

1 Imp^r. that the said two Churchwardens for Ratcliffe Hamlet shalbe reputed & taken but as one Churchwarden in the performance & execution of the office of a Churchwarden in the said Hamlet of Ratcliffe

2 Item that they shall content themselues wth such diuision, limitts & bounds[1] as shalbe allotted vnto them by such diuision as shalbe & is made among themselues, vi3^t the Churchwarden of Ratcliffe to haue for his diuision, Stepney, whitehorse street, Brookestreet, Ratcliffe wall, Ratcliffe street vnto the old balist wharfe,[2] And the Churchwarden for Wapping side to haue for his diuision, vpper Shadwell, lower Shadwell, Ratcliffe highway, Foxes lane, wapping wall, Prusons Iland, Kingstreet Wapping, Knockfergus, Newgravel-lane & Old gravel-lane.

3 Item that the said two Churchwardens of the Hamlet of Ratcliffe, shall no way be preiuciall to the other Churchwardens of Limehouse, Mileend & Popler, nor to any one of

[1] See the Map. The above still roughly describes the hamlet of Ratcliffe, but Wapping has been since subdivided considerably.

[2] ? Bell wharf.

them at any time, by intermedling in their seuerall Hamlets & the goverm^t thereof, but shall leaue them to the ordering of theire seuerall Hamletts & euery part thereof as formerly and anciently yt hath continued

4 Itm that in all collections at the Communion table or at the Church dore for the poore, in all legacies geuen in generall to the whole pish, in all gifts, in all diuisions of any mony whatsoeuer, wherein all the Churchwardens of the other Hamlets may iustly claime interest, the said two Churchwardens of the Hamlet of Ratcliffe, shall content themselues wth such part of the said collection, legacies, gifts & diuisions of mony, as heretofore hath beene, & now is & as the Churchwarden of Ratcliffe hath formerly receiued & no other: wch part shalbe equally diuided betweene the said two Churchwardens of the Hamlet of Ratcliffe aforesaid And if yt shall hereafter at any time happen that the said two Churchwardens of Ratcliffe shall fall to any difference betweene themselues, about such collections legacies gifts and diuisions of mony, as are any way due to that Hamlet, or go about to bring any Innovation into the said Hamlet of Ratcliffe, or pish of Stepney, contrary to the ancient & established customes of the said pish & Hamlet, and contrary to this present order & decree, then the vicar & vestry men shall order & determine the said controversy as they shall see iust & equall.

5 Itm if yt shall happen at any time hereafter that the two Churchwardens of Ratcliffe aforesaid, or any one of them, shall encroach vpon the diuision or any part thereof not allotted vnto them, as formerly is expressed, to collect mony or duties, any way there due vnto them as Churchwardens, & shall take vpon them to collect monies or duties in such part of the diuision of the said Hamlet as is not assigned vnto them: That then from thence forth yt shalbe lawfull for the vicar & vestry men for the ending of such controversy, to depute & appoint one of the said Churchwardens of the

Hamlet of Ratcliffe aforesaid, to collect & gather throughout the whole Hamlet all such monies & duties, as are due to them as Churchwardens, w^th^out any molestacõn of the other, and the power of the other for Collecting by vertue of that deputacõn for the present to cease, vntill such time as the Offendour shall againe conforme himself to this present order & decree, & to euery seuerall article both in part & in whole therein contayned.

Itm according to this order & decree is this present day chosen for wapping side Churchwarden for this present yeere 1641

In wapping side for Sideman	Mr Robert Clements Edw: Clerke[1].

GEORGE DOUGLAS viccar:/	GEORGE COLLYMER EDW: EDGEWORTHE	
WILL: MELLISH WALTER COKE WILL GOLDSTON	JONAS JAMES JOHN HEAMAN HILLARIE MEMPRIS	Church-wardens

July 2 1641

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on ffriday July 2. 1641 for the choice of Auditors for the Churchwardens accounts were chosen these persons folowing for Auditors for the last Churchwardens accounts for the yeares 1639 and 1640. vi3^t^

In Ratcliffe	In Limehouse
Mr Zachary Mr Goldston	Mr Tutchen Mr West.
In Popler	**In Mile end**
Mr West Mr Southun	Mr Cooke Mr Frend.

[1] Edward Clerke, of St. Michael, Cornhill, gent., married Anne Allen of Shadwell, widow by licence, on July 12, 1632.—Stepney Registers.

And yt is further ordered and decreed that the said Auditors shall audite the accounts of the late Churchwardens betweene this present day and the last day of this present moneth of July, that the said accounts being audited may be tendered to the vestry to be perused and alowed.

Itm. It is ordered that the Churchwardens shall survay the Gallery on the south side and the defects thereof and shall with all convienency remedy all the said defects by all meanes fitt for the strengthening of the same.

Itm yt is ordered that the Churchwardens shall prosecute the sute against Mrs Elizabeth Ale for the recouery of such monies as are due to the Church & poore or els to compound wth her for the most aduantage both to the Church & poore

GEORGE DOUGLAS viccar,	EDW: STEUENS	
EDW: EDGEWORTHE	HENRY WEST	
WALTER COKE	JOHN HEAMAN	
JOHN WEST	JOH DUCIE	
HILLARIE MEMPRIS	JOHN: SUTHUN	
JONAS JAMES:	FFRANCIS ZACHARY	
RO: FFOTHERBY	THO PYE	Church-wardens
WILL GOLDSTON	JOHN BERRY	
ANTO: TUTCHEN	EDWARD KEDDEN	

October 8 1641

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on ffriday October 8 1641 by the vicar and vestry men were presented the accompts of the Churchwardens last past for theire two yeares in maner & forme following Mr Jonas James presented his accompts the receipts whereof were 52li 15s 6d and his disbursemts were 38li 17s so there was due to the Church in remainder 13li 18s 6d which being tendred in vestry & receiued by the present Churchwardens, his accompt was alowed. and paid vnto him out of the said monies 4li 16s 6d for his disbusments wch he was out of

purse. Mr Mempris presented his accompts, the Receipts whereof were 45^li^ 01^s^ 10^d^ And his disbusements 43^li^ 18^s^ 7^d^ so there was due to the Church in remainder 1^li^ 3^s^ 3^d^ wch being tendred as before and receiued, his accompt was alowed. Mr Heaman presented his accompts, the Receipts whereof were 35^li^ 05^s^ 00^d^ and his disbursem^ts^ 27^li^ 2^s^ 11^d^. so there was due to the Church in remainder 8^li^ 2^s^ 1^d^ wch being tendred & receiued as before, his accompt was alowed. Mr Hall presented his accompts the Receipts whereof were 16^li^ 12^s^ 7^d^ and his disbursem^ts^ 16^li^ 2^s^ 9^d^ so there was due to the Church in remainder 00^li^ 10^s^ 0^d^ which being tendred & receiued as before his accompt was allowed and so all theire accompts at this present vestry were accepted & allowed. There resteth in hands of the present Churchwardens, as the surplusage of this accompt 18^li^ 17^s^ 03^d^.

Itm. at the said vestry Mr Hillary Mempris tendered his accompts touching the Almeshouses on Mileend greene[1] his Receipts were 88^li^ 00^s^ 00^d^ his disbursem^ts^ in maner folowing To the Churchwardens of Shoreditch 44^li^ 00 00 to the Almesmen 37^li^ 13^s^ 0^d^ & for the suit in law in the Exchequer 4^li^ 18^s^ 0^d^, so there resteth due vpon the said accompt 2^li^ 9^s^ which was deliuered into the hands of the present Churchwardens & so the accompt was alowed.

Itm yt is ordered at the said vestry that the present Churchwardens shall pay vnto Joseph Cope late Churchwarden of Mileend the iust summe of fiue pounds wch is mony due to him vpon his accompt and this to be paid out of the mony now in theire hands

WILLIAM STAMP[2] Viccar. ROBERT ROOKE

[1] See pp. 24, 168.

[2] William Stamp, who came to be vicar on the death of Dr. Douglas, was an Oxford man, and a warm supporter of the Church and Throne; this got him into trouble with Puritans and Parliamentarians, and during the few years that he was vicar there were great disturbances. He had many warm supporters, but was not able to restrain his tongue or his action against the opposite party, and in 1642 he was imprisoned by Parliament, and then ejected from the vicarage 'for being a proved prelatical innovator of Romish ceremonies and a desperate malignant.' After eight months' imprisonment he fled to the king at Oxford, where he was received into high favour; but after the ill success of the king he went abroad, and

WILL: MELLISH	JOH DUCIE
EDW: EDGEWORTHE	HUGH ALLABY
WALTER COKE	THO PYE Churchwarden
JOHN WEST	JOHN BERRYE Churchwarden
ANT°: TUTCHEN	EDWARD KEDDEN
FFRANCIS ZACHARY	ROBERT CLEMENT
JOH: FREND	JAMES DENTERE
WILLIAM JOBARNE:	
JOHN FFULLER[1]	

Aprill: 14 1642

Att a vestry holden in the vestry house on Thursday Aprill 14 1642, being Thursday in Easter weeke, for the Elecc̃on of Churchwardens and other officers according the Custome were chosen for Churchwardens these persons, hereafter named to serue in this present yeare 1642 in the office of Churchwardens being all newly elected according to the custome of the p̃ish.

In Ratcliffe	Mr John Berry & Mr Robert Clements
In Limehouse	Mr Edw: Kedden
In Popler	Mr Thomas Pye
In Mile end	Mr James Dantier

Elected also for Sidemen & newly elected to serue in this present yeare 1642.

In Ratcliffe	Thomas wrigglesworth & Edw: Clerke
In Limehouse	John Archer
In Popler	John Ead
In Mileend	John Jenney and Henry Bartlet.

held cures at Charenton, near Paris, and later at the Hague, where he died in 1653, aged 43. He published, besides other works, '"A Treatise of Spiritual Infatuation," by W. S., D.D., the imprisoned plundered exiled minister of God's word at Stepney, near London,' with a preface addressed to the parishioners of Stepney. He was probably a relation of Timothy Stampe (see below), and possibly his younger brother, as his father's name was Timothy.—Newcourt; Wood's Athen. Oxon.; Lysons; Hist. MSS. and Com., Report v.

[1] Last appearance of John Ffuller, who had been member of the Vestry, first for Mile End then for Poplar since 1617.

WILLIAM STAMP viccar,	WILL GOLDSTON
WILLIAM PYOT	WILL: SWANLEY
EDW: EDGEWORTHE[1]	WILLIAM JOBARNE:
WALTER COKE	HENRY WEST
JOH: FREND	HENRY HALL
ANT°: TUTCHEN	RO: FFOTHERBY
HILLARIE MEMPRIS	JOH DUCIE
FFRANCIS ZACHARY	HUGH ALLABY
JONAS JAMES	NICHOLAS DYCKENS
JOH HEAMAN	

Item at the said vestry were chosen for vestry men for those that are wanting In Popler, Wm Comins, Raph Nelson,[2] & John Harris.[3]

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on Thursday 6th Aprill being[4] (*blank*) in easter weeke for the Elecon of Churchwardens & other officers according to the custome, were chosen for Churchwardens these persons hereafter named to serue in this present yeare 1643 in the office of Churchwardens being all newly elected.

[1] Mr. Edward Edgeworthe here appears for the last time. He succeeded Mr. Hawes as curate in 1613 (see p. 66), and seems to have resigned or been ejected about this time, as in the entry of his burial, March 13, 1645, he is described as 'of Stepney, clerke, late curate there.' It is probable that he followed the fate of William Stamp, his vicar (see p. 175), and fell a victim to the persecution which came to the lot of many of the priests of the Church from the sectaries. Abusive language was freely used about both vicar and curate, and a lady parishioner thus delicately expressed her opinion of the latter, 'That Mr. Edgworth, curate of Stepney parish, was a damned dogg, and that she would rather goe to hear a cartwheel creake, and a dogg bark, then to hear him preach.' Nor were words all, for Edgeworthe was molested even when reading Divine Service, and doubtless he was glad to retire and end his days in peace.—Middlesex County Records; Stepney Registers.

[2] Ralph Nelson was a yeoman of Poplar, who was buried April 22, 1658, while his widow, Anne, was buried exactly a week later.—Stepney Registers.

[3] Captain John Harris, of the Commonwealth navy, was master of the *Phœnix* frigate in 1649, when he succeeded in rescuing certain prizes 'from the Jerseymen.' Four years later he sailed for Virginia, and in 1654 he petitioned for license to ship horses to Barbadoes. He married Rebecca Adams, widow, on September 12, 1644, and later to Susan, daughter of William Jones. His death was 'presented' to the Manorial Court on December 12, 1670.—Stepney Registers and Court Rolls, i. 177-8, etc.; State Papers, Colonial, America and West Indies, pp. 397, 417, 452; Whitelock Memorials, 412.

[4] Thursday.

In Ratclife	Mr Walter Manyard[1] and Mr Jno Craven[2]
In Limehouse	Mr Edward Johnson[3]
In Popler	Mr Ralfe Nelson:
In Mile end	Mr George Lawrence[4]

Elected also for Sidemen[5] to serue in this present yeare 1643

In Ratcliffe	In Popler
In Limehouse	In Mile end
JOH: FREND	JOHN BERRYE Churchwarden
HENRY HALL	EDWARD KEDDEN Churchwarden
FFRANCIS ZACHARY	JAMES DANTERE Churchwarden
WALTER COKE	ROBERT CLEMENTS
HILLARIE MEMPRIS	WILLIAM CHAPMAN
ANTO TUTCHEN	ROBERT HACKWELL[6]
JOHN HEAMAN	
JOH DUCIE	
WILLIAM WILLOUGHBY	

[1] Captain Walter Mainard, or Maynard, master of the *Lucretia* privateer, of London, in 1627. He married Rose Heaman, widow of Richard Heaman, and was admitted at the Manorial Court to a house called 'Knights place, Limehouse, belonging to her late husband,' on June 2, 1655.—Stepney Court Rolls, i. 66; State Papers, Domestic.

[2] Mr. John Craven, of Shadwell, shipmaster, and one of the Trinity House.—State Papers, Domestic; Adv. of Money, i.

[3] Captain Edward Johnson, master of the *Unicorn* in the royal navy, and some time master of the privateer *William and Francis*, of London, 180 tons, of which he was part owner. He appears to have been twice married: first to Hannah Browne, of Wapping, widow, by licence, on May 18, 1644, at Stepney Church; his second wife was named Elizabeth, but what her surname was does not transpire—she was buried on September 25. 1662, and was followed by her husband on July 14, 1669. Both in the register and on his monument in the church he was described as 'late of Low Leyton.' He left to the poor of Ratcliff and Limehouse £400, which in Lysons' time produced £20 per annum. There is a tablet on the outside of the south wall of Stepney Church, by which it appears that he left a son, 'Thomas Johnson, of Mile End, Esq.,' whose son Thomas died in 1689.—State Papers, Domestic; Stepney Registers; Stow's Survey (Strype); Lysons' 'Environs,' iii., 434, 474.

[4] George Laurance was probably identical with 'Mr. Laurance,' to whom the congregation of Stepney Meeting allowed £3 on March 6, 1667. Wood writes of a George Laurance, M.A., 'son of George Laurance, of Stepney,' who was ejected after the Restoration for Nonconformity.—Wood's Athen. Oxon.; Calamy, Noncon. Mem., 1802, iii., 516; A. T. Jones's 'Early Days of Stepney Meeting.'

[5] Their names are not given.

[6] Robert Hackwell, a captain in the East India Company's service, and later in the royal navy. In 1623 was master of the *Rose*, and an order was given that he was to be

JOHN WATERTON[1] Constabel
JO: BEST, WILL WILDEY[2]
WILLIAM COTTWEN
EDWARD PAGE
THOMAS ALLEE
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paid £5 per month, 'the better to encourage deserving men of his coat.' Three years later, however, praise was turned to blame, and we read that on December 22, 1626, he was 'suspended until he could clear himself of the foul imputation of a barbourous and inhuman cruelty committed by his order on two blacks in the Indies.' A month later (January 19) he was discharged from the service 'because he so confidently denied' the charges brought against him, and at the end of ten days the court declared their detestation of the 'barbourous inhumanity rumoured against him,' and resolved never to employ him again 'unless he clear himself,' and to prosecute him 'if he appear culpable'; they, however, saw no reason to detain his wages, 'he having otherwise carried himself well, and confidently denying the fact, and no man directly accusing him.' After this unjust and shabby treatment by his employers he entered the royal navy, and in 1649 held the important post of commander-in-chief of the Irish seas, probably as successor to Richard Swanley.—State Papers, Domestic.

[1] John Waterton, constable of Ratcliffe in 1643, and Justice of the Peace. A prominent man in local affairs, and entrusted with several difficult inquiries and commissions by the Government. In March, 1653, he made a return to the commissioners of the navy of twenty-one captains fit to be commanders at sea, which includes many of the men here described. By profession he was a timber-merchant. This John Waterton, who lived on Wapping Wall, and was buried January 26, 1659, must not be confused with a namesake, a captain, who also appears in the State Papers of this date.—State Papers, Domestic; Adv. of Money, i.

[2] Rear-Admiral William Wildey, an energetic and painstaking officer of the Commonwealth navy. Early in 1653 Captain Wildey was consulted by the Navy Commissioners concerning the fitness of 'forty ships' for State service, and until June he was busily engaged in finding crews and victualling the fleet at Gravesend for the war with Holland. About this time, however, he seems to have had a reprimand from headquarters, and on June 24 he wrote from Ratcliff to the Admiralty Committee: 'I must defend myself from your high displeasure of misrepresentation concerning me. I have been neither negligent nor unfaithful, and if I erred in carrying out your orders, it has been through misapprehension. I beg dismissal, as there are others better qualified.' He appears to have been most anxious that the crews should be properly fed and clothed, and addressed frequent and vigorous complaints of the badness of the victuals, 'smallness of the pork,' etc.; hence, perhaps, his offence. He was married twice (first to Margaret Hawkins, April 18, 1626, and secondly to Sarah Dover, February 13, 1633), and died August 29, 1679, his second wife having predeceased him and been buried on April 6, 1667, leaving three sons, William, Richard and Thomas. The family continued connected with Stepney until 1782, when Samuel Wildey, the last of the male line, died, and was buried in the parish churchyard.—State Papers, Domestic; Lysons' Environs; Seymour's Survey of London; Stepney Registers and Court Rolls.

[3] Captain John Ellison in 1635 went to the Canaries with Richard Beck as quartermaster, and 'used him tyrannically, for a cup of drink extraordinary giving him twenty-six blows.' He also threatened Isaac, his master trumpeter, seven times as much, with the result that they went ashore at Calais, and did not return. Their wives, unable to obtain their pay from Ellison, appealed for justice to the Lords of the Admiralty. Later on Ellison appears in command of the *Persia*. A captain, John Ellinson (probably the same man), of Downe, in Kent, and his son Edmund, of Shadwell, got into trouble for taking part in the Kent insurrection against the Parliament. An inquiry was held into their conduct, but they were discharged in 1652.—State Papers, Domestic (1635 and 1650); Adv. of Money, i.

Memorand Mr Jobarne, Capt: Dalby, Mr Allaby & Mr Digens were present at the Election abousd and did aproue of it, though there seuerall Ocasions wthdrew them before the booke was fitted to signe

June: 20mo: 1643.

At a vestry holden in the Vestry house on Tuesday June the 20° 1643. for the Choice of Auditors, to Audite the Churchwardens accounts for the yeares of our Lord God 1641: & 1642. There were Chosen these ꝑsons following viz.,

In Ratcliffe	In Lymehouse
Mr Dalby	Mr Tutchen
Mr James.	Mr Heaman.
In Popler	In Mile end
Mr Suthun	Mr Mempris
Mr Hall.	Mr ffrend.

And at the same Vestry there were Chosen for sidemen these ꝑsons following viz

ffor Ratcliffe:	Thomas Alley & nycolas Tempas.
ffor Lymehouse:	Christopher Ravens.
ffor Popler.	John Eade.
ffor Mile end.	John Barnard & Edmund Kempe of Spittlefeilds

It is likewise ordered at the said Vestry That Mr James denteere of Spittlefeilds shalbe vestry man in the stead of Mr William Pyott[1] of Bednall greene deceased And Mr Robert Clement of Waping wall in stead of Mr Robert Rooke of Ratcliffe, deceased.

[1] William Pyot here appears for the last time: he came to Stepney from Streetehay, Staffordshire, and became possessed of a good deal of land in Bethnal Green, as Gascoigne's map shows (*q.v.*).—Stepney Court Rolls, i. 69, etc.

And whereas Mr Edward Johnson of Lymehouse, maryner, was at a vestry holden on Thursday the 6th day of Aprill An^o^: 1643 Chosen to be Churchwarden for the said Hamlett for the yeare ensueing. And the said Mr Johnson being appointed to goe a voyage to sea, hath made choyce of Mr John ducy of the said Hamlett to serue Churchwarden in his roome, & desireth that the said Mr John ducy may be confirmed Churchwarden by the vestry wch was then donne accordingly

WALTER COKE	JOSUA HOYLE[1] Vicar
JOH: FREND	GEORGE LAWRENCE
HILLARIE MEMPRIS	RAREF NELLSON
JOHN HEAMAN	JOHN DUCIE
EDWARD KEDDEN	WALTER MAINARD
JAMES DENTIER	JOHN CRAVEN

December 26th 1643

yt is Agreed vppon and fully Concluded by the Vestry helde this day, that Lawrence Spence[2] the Clarke,—in Regard of many Complayntes made Against him by seuerall of the Inhabytants for diuers Abuses Comytted by him, y^t^ wee haue giuen him vntil sunday next to Resolue to Refourme himselfe and to take the Couenant, also to Cary himselfe Soberly and honest in his place, and also giue A Just acc^o^ to o^r^ dockter & the parrish for all the duties dewe vnto him.

[1] Joshua Hoyle went from Oxford to Trinity College, Dublin, became Divinity Professor there, and was conspicuous for his diligence in lecturing, preaching and writing. In 1641 he returned to England with a reputation for strong Puritanism, was made Master of University College and Divinity Professor at Oxford by the Parliamentary Committee for reforming the University, and also was intruded into the vicarage of Stepney. Here he was not a success, as he was 'too scholastical' to please the parishioners, and too weak to keep in check the two lecturers at the church, William Greenhill and Jeremiah Burroughes—'two notorious schismaticks and Independents,' as Wood calls them, or the 'Morning and Evening Star' of Stepney, as Hugh Peters nicknamed them. He does not sign the minutes after 1651, and in April, 1653, William Greenhill signs in his place, so probably he was glad to retire to the quiet of Oxford, where he died December 6, 1654, six months after Greenhill had taken his place as vicar.—Wood's Athen. Oxon.

[2] Laurence Spence, parish clerk of Stepney, was buried March 11, 164$\frac{8}{7}$.—Stepney Registers.

And yf hee hereafter shall giue Just Cause of Complaynte hee shalbe put out of his place of beinge Clarke

And for Mr Wm Cullham yt is Agreed that the like order shalbe taken wth him for his being Sexton,

JOSUA HOYLE Vicar	GEORGE LAWRENCE Churchwarden
WILL: MELLISH	JOH DUCIE Churchwarden
JOH: FREND	JOHN CRAVEN
FFRANCIS ZACHARY	the mk R of RAPHE NELLSON
HILLARIE MEMPRIS	WALTER MAINARD
JOHN DALBY	
JOHN HEAMAN	
HENRY WEST	

(*No entry in* 1644)

Att[1] a vestry houlden att ye vestry house of diuers of ye Inhabittants of ye prishe of Stepney one thursday ye 10th of aprill 1645 for ye electinge of Churchwardens, these prsones hereafter named are Chosen to bee Churchwardenes beinge nowe newly Chosen wittnes owr handes ye daye & yeare aboue writen—

for Ratclife	Mr wm elice
for shaddwell	Mr John Moore[2]
for Limehouse	Mr thomas Bigges[3]
for Milend	Mr thomas Grimlie[4]
for Poplare	Mr wm hunte[5]

[1] The old formula of recording the election is given up.

[2] 'Captain Moore, in the hamlet of Ratcliffe, mariner.'—Burials, April 29, 1653. His wife (Anne) petitioned the Admiralty Commissioners for help, as he was 'slain at sea in service.' The burial entry is probably only commemorative.—State Papers, Domestic (1653); Stepney Registers.

[3] Thomas Biggs, of Limehouse, citizen and chirurgeon, owned land there, and in Poplar, by the East India Yard, which he left to his wife Rachel by will, dated February 2, 1656 He was buried March 5 of the same year.—Stepney Registers and Court Rolls, i. 262.

[4] Thomas Grimley, yeoman, of Mile End, was buried September 3, 1661. His wife's name was Joanna, and he left property to his son Thomas.—Stepney Registers and Court Rolls, iv. 12.

[5] William Hunt, shipwright, of Poplar, was buried May 9, 1648. His tombstone formerly was on the north wall of the church, and he left a legacy of £5 per annum for widows.—Stepney Registers; Lysons' Environs, iii., pp. 429, 471.

These seuerall men hadd a free elecione ye daye & yeare aboue written by vs whose names are here vnderwritten

And[1] for Sidemen these psons herevnder named are chosen viz̃t

ffor the Hamlet of Ratcliffe Nicholas Cumberford[2] and William Weston.

ffor the Hamlet of Mile-end Thomas Westwood & Hillary Mapp.

ffor Lymehouse Hamlett John Ledman.

ffor Poplar Hamlett John Warden

JOSUA HOYLE Vicar
WIL̃L: MELLISH
FFRANCIS ZACHARY
JOHN DALBY
WALTER COKE
HILLARIE MEMPRIS
EDW: JOHNSON. Churchwarden
JOHN CRAVEN. Churchwarden
WALTER MAINARD Churchwarden
ye m̃ke of R RAPH NELSONE Churchwarden
JOHN HEAMAN
EDWARD KEDDEN
GEORGE LAWRENCE
NICHOLAS COMBERFORD Sideman
JOHN BARNARD Sideman
HUMFREY STILLEGO[3]

June the 24th Anno dñi 1645

At a vestry holden in the vestry house on Tuesday the 24th day of June aforesaid, for the choyce of Auditors for the Churchwardens accomptes were chosen these persons follow-

[1] Added in the margin in another hand.

[2] Nicholas Cumberford or Commerford, 'of the precincts of St. Katherine, draper,' married Marie Kitchen, of Ratcliffe, June 10, 1624.—Stepney Registers; see also Biblioth. Topogr. Brit., ix., part iv., 257 (p. 25).

[3] Humphrey Stillego, shipwright, of New Gravel Lane, Wapping, was recommended by William Burrell (p. 25) to be master carpenter in the *Vanguard*, March 30, 1627. In December, 1642, he collected money for the king, at Shadwell, as churchwarden, £55 13s. 6d. in all; but he is not entered on the vestry minutes as churchwarden for that year, so he was probably acting as deputy to Mr. Robert Clements. In 1648 he is entered as churchwarden, but probably as deputy to Captain John Ellison, for his second year of office. He was buried July 2, 1651, and his wife Agnes on July 11, 1663. In his will he describes himself as 'Citizen and Clothworker of London, Gent; by trade a Shipwright Carpenter.'—Will at Somerset House; State Papers, Domestic, 1627, and Adv. of Money, i.; Stepney Registers.

ing for Auditors for the last Churchwardens accompts for the yeares 1643 and 1644. Vi3t, And the said Churchwardens are to procure their said Accompts to be audited by the said Auditors by or before Saterday the 12th day of the moneth of July next ensueing.

Auditors in Ratcliffe	Auditors In Mileend Hamlett
Mr John dalby &	Mr Hillary Mempris &
Mr Robert Hackwell	Mr Walter Cooke
Auditors In Shadwell	**Auditors In Popler**
Mr Edward Arlibere[1] &	Mr Edward Stevens.
Mr Humfrey Stillgo	Mr Henry Hall.

Auditors in Lymehouse

Mr John Heaman &
Mr ffrancis Caley[2]

JOSUA HOYLE Vicar	THOMAS BIGGES
WALTER COKE	JOHN MORE
HILLARIE MEMPRIS	THOMAS GRIMLEY
JOHN HEAMAN	The mark H of WILLIAM HUNT
WILLIAM ELLIS	

At a meeting at the Vestry house this sixt day of May 1645 wee whose names are herevnder written,[3] Inhabitants wthin the Hamlett of Ratcliffe, by order of William Mellish one of his Maties Justices of Peace of the County of Midd, haue consented & agreed that William Ellis of Ratcliffe shalbe vpper Churchwarden of the said Hamlett for this present yeare & Mr John Moore of waping wall wthin the said Hamlett, vnder churchwarden for the said yeare Also

[1] Edward Arlibeare, a mast-maker, of Wapping Wall, and a benefactor of St. Paul's Church, Shadwell, married Mary Williams, of Shadwell, widow, by license, on April 10, 1626, and Mary Cope on May 21, 1646. He was buried March 23, 1667, and his widow, Mary Arlibeare, on December 22, 1669.— Strype's Stow; Stepney Registers.

[2] Francis Caley, constable of Mile End in 1655.—Stepney Court Rolls, i. 55.

[3] The names are not signatures, and this minute should precede the one before it.

wee doe consent & agree that there shalbe another Churchwarden chosen the next ensueing yeare, to serue as vnder churchwarden vnder the said John Moore, which said John Moore to be then vpper Churchwarden, And soe successiuely to choose in the said Hamlett yearely.

John Craven Churchwarden	Thomas Catley
Walter Maynard Churchwarden	John Thornes
	Ralph White
John Dalby	William Cotten
Henry Glead[1] Constable	Edward Lanee
Henry Hodgkin[2]	John Shilton
John Harrison	Thomas Powell[3]
Thomas Allee	Richard Cole[4]
Roger Wims	Robert Moore[5]
Humfry Stillgo	John Burston[6]
Ambrose Gooding	

Also at the said meeting wee whose names are aboue written doe choose for sidemen for this present yeare vizt Nicholas Comberford for Mr William Ellis & William Weston for Mr John Moore.

At a Vestrie holden for the said Parish according to appointment the 11th day of August An^o^ dñi 1645 for the examining & allowing of the Accompts of Mr Walter Maynard

[1] Henry Gleade, a carpenter, living on Wapping Wall, married Mary Goodall, widow, on July 19, 1627.—Stepney Registers.

[2] Henry Hodgkin or Hodskins, a rope-maker, of Ratcliffe Highway, married Rebecca Harrison, February 2, 1628.—State Papers, Domestic (1650); Stepney Registers.

[3] Thomas Powell, of Stepney, bachelor, gent., 26, got bishop's license to marry Katherine Bennett, of Stepney, 33, widow, on February 5, 161$\frac{9}{1}$.—Chester's 'Marriage Licenses.'

[4] Richard Cole: is this the same as 'Mr. Cole of Shadwell,' who was buried May 7, 1657?—Stepney Registers.

[5] Robert Moore, of Stepney, mariner, probably is the man who in 1654 petitioned the Admiralty Committee for the boatswain's place in the *Mary* prize, stating that he had served many years, was at the taking of Scilly and Barbadoes under Sir George Ayscue, as midshipman in the *Mary*, and in the engagement with the Dutch off Portland. He was buried March 9, 165$\frac{7}{8}$.—Stepney Registers; State Papers, Domestic, 1654.

[6] John Burston: probably the engraver mentioned by Pepys, February 18, 166$\frac{4}{5}$: 'Took my Lord Sandwich's draught of the harbour of Portsmouth down to Ratcliffe to one Burston, to make a plate for the King, and another for the Duke, and another for himself, which will be very neat.'—Pepys' Diary.

Mr John Craven Mr Edward Johnson Mr George Lawrence & Mr Ralph Nelson the Churchwardens for of the said pish for the yeares 1643 & 1644 wch were appointed by a foremer order to be Audited.

Mr John Crauen hath presented his accompt for the west pt of the Hamlett of Ratcliffe Audited by Mr Edward Arlibeere & Mr Humphery Stillego, and it appeares by the said accompt that there remaines in the hands of the said Mr Craven for the use of the Church 7^{li} 6^{s} 4^{d} Now paid to Mr John Moore the present Churchwarden for that Hamlett,

Likewise Mr Edward Johnson hath presented his accompt for the Hamlett of Lymehouse, Audited by Mr John Heaman & M^{r} ffrancis Cally. And it appeares by the said accompt that there remaines in the hands of the said Mr Edward Johnson for the use of the Church 1^{li} 4^{s} 2^{d} Now paid to Mr Thomas Biggs the present Churchwarden of that Hamlett,

Likewise Mr George Lawrence hath presented his accompt for the Hamlett of Mileend Audited by Mr Walter Cooke & Mr Hillary Memprisse. And it appears by the said accompt that there remaines in the hands of the said Mr George Lawrence for the use of the Church 1^{li} 9^{s} 8^{d}, Now paid to Mr Thomas Grimley the present churchwarden of that Hamlett

JOSUA HOYLE Vicar.	THOMAS BIGGES
WALTER COKE	THOMAS GRIMLEY
JOHN DALBY	WILLIAM H HUNT
JOHN MORE	his marke
WILLIAM ELLIS	

Likewise Mr Walter Maynard at the same vestrie before the said vestrie men departed, presented his accompt for the East part of the Hamlett of Ratcliffe, Audited by Mr John dalby & Mr Robert Hackwell And it appears by the said accompt that there remaines in the hands of the said Mr Maynard for the use of the Church 2^{li} 9^{s} 2$\frac{1}{2}$^{d}

Witnesse hereunto LAUR: SPENCE, Parish Clarke,

At a Vestrie holden for this pish (according to appointment) the xiijth day of Aprill Anno dñi 1646. ffor the electing of Churchwardens for the said pish this present yeare ensueing These persons hereafter named are chosen to be Churchwardens witnesse our hands the day & yeare abouesaid

ffor Ratcliffe	Mr William Ellis
ffor Shadwell	Mr John Moore
ffor Lymehouse	Mr Thomas Biggs
ffor Mile end	Mr Thomas Grimley
ffor Popler	Mr Willm Hunt

These seuerall newe elected had a free election the day & yeare aboue written by us whose names are here under written.

JOSUA HOYLE Vicar
WILL: MELLISH
WALTER COKE
JOHN DALBY
HILLARIE MEMPRIS
JOHN HEAMAN
EDW: JOHNSON
EDWARD KEDDEN

And[1] for Sidemen these psons hereafter named are also chosen. vizt

ffor the Hamlett of Ratcliffe
Nicholas Cumberford &
William Weston.

ffor the Hamlet of Mileend
Thomas Westwood &
Hillary Mapp

ffor Lymehouse Hamlett
John Ledman

ffor Poplar Hamlett
John Warden.

Stepnie Aprill the 22th Anno doñi 1647

Att a vestrie and meeting for this Parish of Stepnie the daye and yeare afforesaid for Electing Churchwardens for the said Parish this present yeare ensueing These persons

[1] Entered in the margin.

hereafter named are chosen to bee Churchwardens witness our handes

ffor Ratcliffe	Mr Peeter Pett[1]	Church-wardens
ffor Shadwell	Capt John Ellison	
ffor Lymehouse	Capt Henry West	
ffor Mile end	Capt Thomas davis	
ffor Popler	Mr William Serrecole	

☞ *Att wth vestry William Bisaker[2] was Elected p'ish Clerke.*[3]

These seuerall men elected, had a free election the daye & yeare aboue written by us whose names are hereunder written.

And[4] for Sydemen these persons hereafter named.

for Myle end
Nathaniell Tilley
Nicholas Waynwright[5]

JOSUA HOYLE Vicar
WILL: MELLISH
FFRANCIS ZACHARY
WALTER COKE
JOHN DALBY
HILLARIE MEMPRIS

[1] Peter Pett, grandson of Peter Pett, master shipwright of the navy to Queen Mary, and brother to Phineas Pett, of Chatham, was a distinguished member of this justly celebrated family, which for so many generations served the country as constructors to the Navy. Our Peter Pett, with his brother, is constantly mentioned in the State Papers. As early as 1629 we find it recorded that 'Peter Pett is a skilful and well-experienced artsman in the building of ships, and of honest life and good reputation.' He was master of the Shipwrights' Company in 163$\frac{4}{5}$; his name is, however, best remembered as being the inventor of the ships of war called 'frigates.' He died in 1652, and was buried in the church of St. Nicholas, Deptford, in the chancel of which is a monument with a Latin inscription to his memory. By his will, which was proved August 18, 1652, he appears to have owned various properties in Ratcliffe and Wapping, and to have left three sons and three daughters: Peter, afterwards knighted, William and Phineas, Elizabeth, wife of Captain Robert Moulton, and Mary; mention is also made of a brother William and sister Anne. Lysons mentions a brother, Joseph Pett. Le Neve's pedigree is very erroneous, and makes no mention of these or of his son William. A Margaret Pett (Mary?), 'daughter of Peter Pett, of Kent,' married Francis Johnson, of Aldborough, whose son was Sir Henry Johnson (p. 204), the great shipbuilder and dockowner of Blackwall.—Will at Somerset House; Le Neve's Pedigrees of Knights; State Papers, Domestic and Colonial; Dethick's Visitation of Middlesex, 1663; Lysons' Environs.

[2] Mr. William Bissaker, of Ratcliffe, parish clerk, was buried July 18, 1673.—Stepney Registers.

[3] This is evidently an interpolation.

[4] Entered in the margin.

[5] Nicholas Waynwright, of Stepney, citizen and Haberdasher of London, was buried January 3, 16$\frac{4}{5}$$\frac{0}{6}$—Stepney Registers.

Ratcliffe
Nicholas Comberford
Rob
Popler
Richard Coates

MAURICE THOMSON[1]
EDW: JOHNSON
WILLIAM ELLIS
JOHN HEAMAN
EDWARD KEDDEN
JOHN CRAVEN
EDW: STEUENS
THOMAS GRIMLEY
JOH DUCIE
JOHN MORE
Signum
WILLMI H HUNT

[1] Maurice Thomson, a wealthy Puritan merchant, of good family, and an ardent supporter of Cromwell's Government, was the eldest of the five sons of Robert Thomson, of Watton, co. Herts. The foundation of his fortunes seems to have been laid in Virginia, for as early as 1632 the governor of that colony recommended him, with two others, for a three years' monopoly of all the tobacco grown there. Shortly after this he got into trouble for trading with Canada, and he was ordered to pay a fine of £400 to the Canadian adventurers, which, however, he obstinately refused to do; and six years later his enterprise got him into a similar scrape, this time for poaching in the preserves of the Guinea Company, at whose instance he and his colleagues in trade were for a short time put under arrest. During the next few years he was busy shipping cargoes to the Company of Providence Island, and on August 18, 1648, he was appointed a commissioner from Parliament to the States of the United Provinces to solicit contributions for the Protestants in Ireland. The year following he was called upon by the Council to bring proposals for the reducing of Virginia, and four years after he was appointed a commissioner for Somers Islands, on June 25, 1653. After the Restoration, his intimate connexion with Cromwell naturally caused him to be regarded with suspicion, and though in 1660 the King had granted him his pardon, and he had accepted it, on June 24, 1666, he and his brother Robert were charged with giving information to the Dutch of the English fleet. The charge states that 'Maurice Thompson was always violent against kingly government, he was intimate with the Protector, sat at the High Court of Justice, and sentenced some of the beheaded lords . . . he was once a poor fellow in Virginia, but got a great estate in the wars, mostly rent out of the bowels of the King's party.' Nothing appears to have come of this charge, which was probably untrue. He was one of the founders of Old Poplar Chapel in 1654, and at the 'preaching of the first sermon' he gave 'an uncommon instance of his great Humility and Piety in that he condescended to go into the clerk's desk and there name and set the first psalm.' In 1655 he purchased the manor and entire parish of Elsham, in Lincolnshire. He married Dorothy (or, according to Collins, *Ellen*) Vaux, who died about 1678; by this lady he had a son, John, afterwards Lord Haversham, and three daughters; Katherine, who married Sir John Wittewrong, at her father's house in Stepney, July 4, 1650: Elizabeth, married to Sir Joseph Alston, Bart., of Chelsea; and Mary, a member of the Dissenting congregation at Stepney, who married William Oldfield or Owfield, of Gatton, Surrey, on November 13, 1655. Maurice Thomson resided in 1650 at the mansion on Mile End Green known as Worcester House, which he sold in 1675 to the 'Church' of Stepney Meeting; in 1652 he was residing in Bishopsgate Street; in 1672 he purchased property in Stepney known as the 'Vinegar Yard, Grand Alley,' and four years later, on May 8, 1676, his death was 'presented' at the Manorial Court.—Information from Major-General W. H. Smith; Stepney Court Rolls; State Papers, Colonial, America, and Domestic; Lysons' Environs; Strype's Stow; A. T. Jones's Early Days of Stepney Meeting; Collins's Extinct Peerage.

MATTH GREAUES
ROBT. DENNIS[1]
HUGH ALLABY
HUMFREY STILLEGO
Wm COTTEN

Maye the 31th 1647

Att a meeting of the Churchwardens and Inhabitants of the Parish of Stepnie in the Countie of Midd in the vestrie for the examining of the Accompts of the late Churchwardens itt did then Appeare that by the Account of Mr William Ellis late Churchwarden of Ratcliffe there remayned in his hands foure shillings and three pence—And by the Accompt of Mr Thomas Biggs there was remayneing in his hands the some of ten shillings and five pence And by the Accompt of Mr Thomas Grimley Churchwarden of Myle end One pound foure shillinges and sixe pence And in the hands of Mr Wiltm Hunt Churchwarden of Popler and Blackwall the full some of foure shillinges & sixe pence, All wch said seuerall somes was by consent of us the Inhabitants paid into the hands of Mr Thomas Davis, Churchwarden for Myle end the daye and yeare afforesaid, wch some in all is—ijli 03s 08d

THOMAS DAUIS Churchwarden
PETER PETT Churchwarden
WILLIAM SEROCOLD Churchwarden
JOHN DALBY
MAURICE THOMSON
HILLARIE MEMPRIS
EDW: STEUENS
EDWARD KEDDEN
EDMUND KEMPP
THOMAS WESTWOOD
NATHANIEL TILLY

[1] Captain Robert Dennis, of the Commonwealth navy, was, on September 25, 1651, appointed to the important post of 'Commander-in-Chief of the fleet, and Commissioner for reducing Virginia to the authority of Parliament,' with instructions to 'reduce all plantations within the Bay of Chesapeake,' and to publish the Acts of Parliament against 'kingship, the House of Lords, the Book of Common Prayer,' etc., and with power to pardon, indemnify, and make exceptions. The year following, however, his vessel, the *John*, was lost, and his wife a petitioner to the Admiralty.—State Papers, Domestic.

August the 26th 1647

Att a meeting of the Parishioners of the Parish of Stepnie in the vestrye house the daye & yeare aboue written Itt was there agreed vpon That whereas diuers honest & sufficient men of the Parishionrs did there acquainte the vestrye That william Culham the now Sexton of the Parish Church had demeaned himselfe in a very uncivil and disorderly manner towards the Parishionrs & hath beene a contemner & scoffer of them that are godly & also hath beene very negligent in the performance of his place, And Not wthstanding his knowledge of the intentions of the Parish to suppress a victualing house knowne by the signe of the Rose wch house is his by Lease and att his disposeing whereof hee had tymely notice did in affront against the Parish furnish the house wth Beare & place his sonne therein of whom there is diuers complaints concerneing disorders there Comitted The said William Culham was by ioynt consent of the Vestry suspended & disabled to pforme the office of a Sexton as formerlye for ye same hee haveing had severall premonishions for his better carriage before, as appeareth by this Booke, Att wch tyme the said william Culham came & did earnestly desire them to pass by all such his offences & wthal pmised a better carriage, wch the vestrie did then graunt & wthall did then pmise vpon their admittance of him to ye exercise of his place hee woulde take downe the signe of the Rose & itt should cease to be a victualing house before the five and Twentieth daye of March next or otherwise to submitt to their former consent & order.

THOMAS DAUIS	WALTER COKE	EDW: STEUENS
Churchwarden	HILLARIE MEMPRIS	JOSEPH COPE
HENRY WEST	JOHN HEAMAN	JOHN DALBY
PETER PETT,	WILLIAM WILLOUGHBY	FFRANCIS ZACHARY
Churchwarden	THOMAS BIGGES	RICHARD HEAMAN[1]
MAURICE THOMSON	THO : GRIMLEY	

[1] See note on Mainard, p. 178.

Aprill the 13th Anno 1648

Att a vestrye and meeting for this Parish the daye & yeare afforesaid for electing Churchwardens for the yeare ensueing These persons hereafter named are chosen to bee Churchwardens witnes our handes.

ffor Ratcliffe	Peeter Pett	Churchwardens
ffor Lymehouse	Capt West	
ffor Myle end	Capt Davis	
ffor Popler	Mr Serrecole	
ffor Shadwell	Humfry Stillgoe	

JOSUA HOYLE Vicar	WALTER COKE
MAURICE THOMSON	HILLARIE MEMPRIS
JOSEPH COPE	JOHN DALBY
WILLIAM WILLOUGHBY	JOHN MORE
JOHN ELLISONN	JOHN TRYMNELL[1]
WILL: MELLISH	GARRARD BARBER[2]

March the 26th Ao 1649

Att a meeting of the Parishionrs in the Vestrye house the daye & yeare aboue written for electing Churchwardens for the seuerall Hambletts for the yeare ensueing These persons hereafter named are Chosen for the said office Witnes our hands

ffor ye Hamblett of Ratcliffe	Mr John Hoxton[3]	Churchwardens
for Shadwell	Mr William Cooper[4]	

[1] John Trimnell, merchant, of Shadwell; his wife Anna (?) was buried March 6, 165$\frac{3}{4}$.—Stepney Registers; Harl. Soc., ii. 176.

[2] Gerard Barber, of Shadwell, vintner, was buried October 11, 1658.—Stepney Registers.

[3] John Hoxton, a J.P., and a member of the Independent congregation meeting in Stepney. The pedigree in the British Museum states that he came from a Suffolk family, and married Martha, daughter of Robert Borne, of Wapping, by whom he had two children, John and Judith; he married again, but the second wife's name does not appear. Arms: azure, a chev. erm. between three leopards' faces pr.; crest: an unicorn couchant, gules and azure. A John Hoxton was buried in Stepney on September 13, 1670.—Brit. Mus. Add. MSS., 5524, p. 46; Stepney Registers; A. T. Jones's Early Days of Stepney Meeting.

[4] William Cooper: One of this name, master of the *James*, of London, 300 tons, left Southampton for New England about April 6, 1635, with fifty-three men and women and

for Lymehouse	Capt Richard Swanly.[1]	Church-wardens
for Myle end	Mr John Claye[2]	
for Popler	Mr Robert Tranckmore[3]	

WALTER COKE	JOSUA HOYLE Vicar
THOMAS DAUIS	MAURICE THOMSON
HILLARIE MEMPRIS	HENRY WEST
HUMFREY STILLEGO	PETER PETT
WILLIAM SEROCOLD	JOHN CROWTHER
JOH DUCIE	JOHN MORE

female children. William Cooper, of Stepney, Middlesex, obtained Bishop's license, October 26, 1626, to marry Ellen Lambert, widow.—Chester's Marriage Licenses; State Papers, Colonial, America, p. 209.

[1] Richard Swanley, a general shipmaster to the East India Company, and later on admiral of the Commonwealth navy, was described as master mate in 1622, when he was appointed to the command of the *Royal Exchange*. For the next eighteen months he was busily employed both ashore and afloat in the Company's service, and on December 14, 1623, their agents at Batavia sent a strong recommendation for his promotion; a month later, however, while master of the *James*, he was reprimanded 'for not lying abroad.' His answer 'was mild and full of respect, promising to amend that fault.' Three years later, still master of the *James*, he offered to serve the Company in the East for £10 a month, but was 'wished to think himself of a less amount.' He seems to have been rather nice as to his personal comforts; in November, 1627, he requested that the greater portion of his wine might be Canary, as white wine so soon grew tart; and a few months later he 'took to himself the great cabin,' contrary to orders, and refused to sail unless the privilege was conceded. The Company, however, stood firm, and threatened to discharge him, upon which 'he confessed that he had been transported with passion, and craved pardon,' but for his oath's sake desired leave to take his passage in the great cabin, at least 'as far as the Downs.' They, however, cared nothing for his swearing, and refused to make the slightest concession, 'as the great cabin had always been reserved for the merchant.' In 1643 we find him 'Admiral of the Irish seas,' doing great damage to the Royal cause on the west coast. In March of that year he captured a Bristol ship, laden with arms and ammunition for the King; and in May, 1644, he made a descent on Carnarvon, capturing 400 prisoners, arms and much pillage. The same year he relieved Plymouth, driving the Royalists from some important works they had erected near that town, and captured many prisoners. The thanks of Parliament were voted to him on June 4, 1644, when he was called to the Bar of the House and presented with a gold chain, valued at £200. He was buried at Stepney on September 25, 1650, and his wife Elizabeth was buried at the same place on July 1, 1662. He left three children, Mary, John and Richard; the last-named is possibly the Richard Swanley who was in command of the *Eaglet* ketch at the Restoration, and later a lieutenant in the *Anne* and *Triumph*.—Stepney Registers; Will at Somerset House; Charnock's Nav. Biog.; Lysons' Environs, vii. 441; Whitelock's Memorials, 85, 87; State Papers, Domestic and Colonial.

[2] John Claye, merchant of Stepney, married Mary Cummon by license of June 9, 1626.—Chester's Marriage Licenses.

[3] Robert Tranckmore, of Blackwall, gent., came originally from New Shoreham, Suffolk. He married Elizabeth Roche, of Ratcliffe, by license on December 14, 1635. His daughter Alice married Robert Browne, of Stepney. He was buried at Stepney on November 17, 1652.—Stepney Registers; Dethick's Visitation of Middlesex, 1663, Pedigree of Browne.

And for Sydemen for Myle end Thomas Gadbury[1] Samuell Reeve for Spitlefeilds are by the Churchwarden nominated

23 May A° 1649

Att a meeteing of the Parishion^rs in the Vestry house the daye & yeare afforesaid They in regard of the weakenes of Capt Richard Swanley formerly chosen to serue the office of Churchwarden in the Parish of Stepny for this present yeare 1649 did accordeing to Custome of the Parish then make choyce of John Hassell[2] of lymehouse vint to bee Churchwarden for the Hamblett of lymehouse.

In Witnes they haue hereunder subscribed.

JOSUA HOYLE Vicar.	JO. HOXTON	Church-wardens
WALTER COKE	WILLYAM COUPER	
HILLARIE MEMPRIS	JOHN CLAY	
JN° LIMBERY[3]	JOHN CROUTHER[4]	
HUMFREY STILLEGO	EDWARD ARLEBERE	
HUGH ALLABEY	RICHARD CRAYE	
JOHN MORE	HENRY SHARPE	
AMBROSE GOODINGE	WILLIAM BRISTOW	

[1] Thomas Gadbury left his land to his wife Elizabeth, for her life, with remainder to his son Thomas. They were admitted December 4, 1667.—Stepney Court Rolls, vi. 26.

[2] John Hasell, ? the same as 'Mr. John Hasell, of Poplar,' who was buried on December 2, 1656.—Stepney Registers.

[3] Captain John Limbery, of Limehouse: There were at least three men at the same time in the parish who bore the name of John Limbery—the present man, his son (both called Captain John Limbery), and another, also a mariner, of Limehouse; and the name appears in the map (*q.v.*). Both father and son were active in the work of the navy, and filled high appointments, but without more information than has been hitherto forthcoming, it would be hazardous to distinguish between them. The father (then living in Ratcliffe) married Sarah Graves July 25, 1622, and Frances James September 15, 1634, in both cases by license. It is probably he who was buried in November 28, 1659, and his son, who followed on November 12, 1661; while the third, possibly a grandson, was married December 14, 1663, to Edith Taylor. It seems most likely that the father was the victualler to the navy, and the member of various councils and commissions at home; while the son was employed on active service in the Channel.—State Papers, Domestic (1649, etc.), Colonial, America, p. 445; Whitelock's Memorials, p. 491; Stepney Registers; Will (1661) at Somerset House.

[4] Captain John Crowther was master and part owner of the privateer *Jonas* of London, in 1627, and in the troublous times of the Great Rebellion he served the Parliament in the Irish seas, where for a short time he held the chief command. He was thought much of by the Council, and in 1653 was recommended by the 'Commissioners for the Sick and Wounded' as a trustee for a sum granted by Parliament to the widow of a Captain Button.

October the 1st 1649

Att a meeting of the Justices of the Publique peace of the comonwealth[1] together wth the Churchwardens & other of the Parishionrs of the Parish of Stepnie in the vestrie the daye & yeare afforesaid, concerning the needfull repare of their Parish Church & itt was then concluded & agreed vpon, That whereas the Charge of the repares will amount to the full soīne of one hundred & sixtie poundes or there abouts That three eights parts thereof should bee rated and asseased vpon the Hamblett of Ratcliffe, that is to saie the some of Sixtie Poundes, That two eights parts thereof should bee rated on the Hamblett of Lymehouse, that is to saie the some of ffourtie pounds. That two other eight parts thereof should bee rated on the Hamblett of Myle end, Bednall greene and Spitlefeilds, that is to saie the full soīne of ffourtie poundes And the other eigth part, being the full soīne of Twentie pounds to bee rated on the Hamblett of Popler & Blackwall./

And att the same tyme they did then anominate & chuse Mr William Cotton to bee Churchwarden for & in the Roome of Mr John Hoxton./

JOSUA HOYLE Vicar	WILLIAM COUPER	Church-wardens
MAURICE: THOMSON	JOHN HASELL	
JNO LIMBERY	ROBERT TRANCKMORE	
JO: HOXTON	JOHN CLAY	
JOHN. WATERTON	HUGH ALLABEY	
THOMAS DAUIS	THOMAS GRIMLEY	
EDW: JOHNSON		

He married twice—Alice James, of Stepney, by license, on June 26, 1626, and Elizabeth Damarell, of the same place, widow, on May 9, 1627. From a precept in the Court Rolls, he appears to have been living in White Horse Street, and he is described as 'of Mile End' in the register of his burial, which took place on July 13, 1659. He left a tenement for the use of poor seamen and their widows, and Lysons credits him with being the donor of the Old Poplar Town Hall, which was demolished in 1769.—State Papers, Domestic; Stepney Registers and Court Rolls; Lysons' Environs; Strype's Stow.

[1] The word 'kingdom' is here crossed out, and 'comonwealth' substituted.

Aprill the 16th 1650

At a meeting of the Justices of the Peace wthin the Parish of Stepnie together wth the Vicar; Churchwardens and ouerseers for the Poore wth other of the Inhabitants and Parishionrs of the same Parish for the Electing of Churchwardens to serue in the Parish for the yeare ensueing These persons hereafter named are chosen—

ffor Ratcliffe	Mr John Hawkins	Churchwardens
for Shadwell	Mr William Cooper	
for Lymehouse	Mr John Hassell	
for Myle end	Mr John Claye	
for Popler & Blackwall	Mr Robert Tranckmore	

JOSUA HOYLE Vicar	JOHN HEAMAN
WILL: MELLISH	THOMAS DAUIS
HILLARIE MEMPRIS	JOH DUCIE
JO: HOXTON	EDWARD KEDDEN.

Aprill the first Anno dñi 1651

Att a meeteing of the Justices of the Peace within the Parish of Stepnie together wth the vicar & Churchwardens & ouerseers for the Poore wth other of the Inhabitants & Parishionrs of the same Parish, for the electing of Churchwardens to serue in the Parish for the yeare ensueing These psons hereafter named are elected & Chosen to serue

In the hamblett of

Ratcliffe	Capt Edmund Groue[1]	Churchwardens
Shadwell	Mr Robert Smith	

[1] Edmund Grove, Captain in the navy, fell into disgrace, was court-martialed for cowardice in 1665, for staying in at Lowestoft while an engagement was going on, and was 'reckoned a prating coxcombe and of no courage.' On June 11, 1633, was buried Anne, wife of Edmund Grove, of Ratcliffe, mariner; but it is doubtful if he can be the man meant, as on April 24, 1666, after his death, his widow, Anne, widow of Roger Hackwell, and daughter of Roger Gunston (p. 46), and two sons, Edmund and George, were admitted to the land he had held in Limehouse, and the boys were only aged 11 and 4 respectively. He was chosen reeve of the manor December 2, 1654, but refused to serve, and was fined £10.—Stepney Registers and Court Rolls, v. 119, etc.; State Papers, Domestic (1657); Pepys' Diary.

Lymehouse	Capt Robert Dennis	Church-wardens
Myle end	Capt William Baylie	
Popler	Mr William Heade[1]	

JOSUA HOYLE, Vicar	JO: HOXTON
HILLARIE: MEMPRIS	JOHN HEAMAN
WALTER COOKE	EDWARD KEDDEN
JOHN HASELL	WILLYAM COUPER
ROB^t: TRANCKMORE	JOHN CLAY
EDW: JOHNSON	JOHN HAWKINS
THOMAS DAUIS	HUGH ALLABEY
JOSEPH COPE	JOHN CROUTHER
THOMAS GRIMLEY	

Anno Dñi 1651

Memorand that wee whose names are hereunto subscribed Churchwardens for ye tyme being on behalfe of o^r Selues & our Successors for ye present & future good of the poore of ye Parish of Stepnie haue lett & sett for the yearely rent of fourtie five shillings of lawfull money of England payable at the foure vsual ffeasts in the yeare, one peece of ground & house comonly called the Pest house & feild to Michaell Barks of Rogues well house. IN TESTIMONIE Whereof wee haue hereunto sett o^r hands this 24th daye of December 1651

p me EDMOND GROUE Churchwarden
WIL̃LM BAYLEY Churchwarden
RICH READE[2] Churchwarden
WILLIAM HEAD Churchwarden
ROBART SMYTH Churchwarden

Memorand that ye One & thirtieth daye of October 1652 there was Publicque Warning & Notice giuen in the con-

[1] William Head, of Deptford, shipwright, married Jane Shepherd, of Blackwall, widow, by license, on September 2, 1633. He was buried at Poplar, May 8, 1674.—Stepney Registers.
[2] Captain Richard Reade was Constable of Bethnal Green in 1668.

gregation by order of the Churchwardens that they desired the Parish to giue them a Meeting on Tuesdaye the second of November att wch tyme the Churchwardens did then psonally meete But the Parish came not as was expected & therefore could not pceede to doe any thing to dispose of the 100^li^ in their hands for wch the Meeting was intended.

Aprill ye 11th 1653

Att a meeteing of the Justices of the Peace w^th^in the Parish of Stepnie together wth the Minister, Churchwardens and other the officers and Parishioners of the Parish of Stepnie for the Electeing of Churchwardens for to serue in the said Parish for the yeare ensueing these persons hereafter named are freely elected & chosen Churchwardens by us whose names are hereunder written.

for Ratcliffe	Thomas Harmon[1]	Churchwardens for ye yeare ensueing
for Shadwell	Edward Arlabeare	
for Lymehouse	Capt John Harris	
for Myle end	Christopher Deane[2]	
for Popler & Blackwall	William Saule	

WILLM GREENEHILL[3] EDMOND GROVE

[1] Captain Thomas Harman, mariner, lived at Dolphin Row, Poplar, and married Grace Chick by license on January 1, 1628. He died in 1670, and his will, which was proved on January 3 of that year, described him as 'Thomas Harman the elder, of Poplar'; bequests were left to his wife Grace, his three children, Thomas Harman, Mary Browse, and Helen Greenaway, and to numerous grandchildren and cousins. Possibly this son Thomas is the Captain Thomas Harman whose naval exploits in the reign of Charles II. were recorded by a series of small pictures in one of the antechambers of Greenwich Hospital. Lysons mentions an almshouse in Poplar, rebuilt by Captain Thomas Harman in 1676.—Lysons' Environs; Stepney Court Rolls; Stepney Registers; Will at Somerset House.

[2] 'Mr. Christopher Deane, of Mile End, gent.,' was buried January 6, 1657, and by his will left various benefactions to the parish.—Stepney Registers and Vestry Minute of June 13, 1678.

[3] William Greenhill had for some time been lecturer at the Church (p. xiv), and in 1654 was appointed to succeed Dr. Hoyle by the Keeper of the Liberties in England. He was one of the Westminster Assembly of Divines, was made Chaplain to the King's children, and one of the commissioners to try public preachers. In 1644 he had been one of the original members of the Independent congregation in Stepney, and most probably was the prime mover in it, and its first pastor. This did not, however, prevent him from accepting the position and

WIL̃L: MELLISH	ROBEART SMYTH
JO: HOXTON	WIL̃LM BAYLEY
WALTER COOKE	RICH READE
JOHN WEST	WILLIAM HEAD
HENRY HALL	JOHN MORE
JOHN HEAMAN	HUGH ALLABEY
EDW: JOHNSON	JOH DUCIE
JOSEPH COPE	RANDOLPH WILLEY[1]
EDWARD KEDDEN	HENRY SHARPE
WALTER MAINARD	JOHN CROUTHER
EDW: STEUENS	FFRANCIS WELCH
THOMAS GRIMLEY	

10th September 1653[2]

Memorand yt the 100li before menc̃oned is now come into the hands & disposeing of Capt Harman, Mr Arlabeare, Mr Harris, Mr Deane & Mr Saule the Churchwardens for the tyme being.

March the 17th 1653

Wee whose names are hereunder Written, Churchwardens for the time being of the Parish of Stepnie in the County of Midd haue by vertue of the trust reposed in us concerning the care & provision of the Poore Receiued into or handes & possession the full some of One hundred Poundes[3] Which some is Giuen to the pish of Stepnie for and towards the imployeing & setting of the poore of or pish

pay of the vicarage of Stepney, though he had thus formally separated himself from the Church, a course for which even his own followers have not failed to censure him. In other respects he was a man of deep piety and learning, as his writings show. At the Restoration the absurdity of his position was forcibly evident, and Greenhill had to leave; but he kept his congregation together, in spite of all repressive Acts, and at his death left it in a flourishing condition to his successor, Mathew Mead.—Jones's Early Days of Stepney Meeting; Nat. Dict. Biog. for other details about his life and writings.

[1] Randolph Willey, of Wapping, vintner, was buried June 13, 1660.—Stepney Registers.

[2] This entry is inserted in the MS. before the above minute.

[3] 'And two poundes ten shillings' erased, and 'Poundes' inserted instead, with a note in the margin 'the sum is only one hundred pounds.'

att worke & that the same may be preserued & kept as a stocke & which for future may continue, for a generall good of o^{r} pish And whereas wee finde that the said some of 100^{li} 00^{s} is a some farr belowe that greate charge wch wilbe required for a stocke to imploye the neumerous poore of o^{r} pish wee haue therefore by Mutuall consent in discharge of o^{r} dutie & for the easeing of the p^{r}sent burthen vpon the Inhabitants of o^{r} said pish thought fitt each of us to imploye the same to & for the putting forth of children by payem^{t} of the present Money, vntill the Collecto^{r}s for the poore can repaye the same to us And whereas wee stand engaged ioyntly for the whole by bond that the Money shall remayne to the purpose aforesaid, wee and euery of us doe for o^{r} selues o^{r} executors & Administrators hereby engage o^{r} selues to saue harmless & indemnified each other for such some of Monie[1] p^{t} of the ꝑmisses as wee shall hereunder by o^{r} owne handes acknowledge the Receipt of.

Receiued by mee Thomas Harman Churchwarden of ye Hamblett of Ratcliff	xviij^{li}	xv^{s}
THO: HARMAN Churchwarden		
Receiued by mee Edward Arlabeare Churchwarden of Shadwell	xviij^{li}	xv^{s}
EDWARD ARLIBEAR Churchwarden		
Receiued by mee John Harris Churchwarden of Lymehouse	xxv^{li}	00^{s}
JOHN HARRIS Churchwarden		
Receiued by mee Christopher Deane Churchwarden of Myle end	xxv^{li}	00^{s}
CHRISTOPHER DEANE Churchwarden		
Receiued by mee William Saule Churchwarden of Popler & Blackwall	xij^{li}	x^{s}
WILLIAM (*mark*) SAULE Churchwarden		

[1] The money is divided in the proportion mentioned above, p. 195.

March the 27th 1654

Wee whose names are hereunder Written, Churchwardens of the Parish of Stepnie for the time being amongst other Monies by us Receiued to bee imployed for and towards the releife of the poore & setteing them att worke doe acknowledge hereby to haue Receiued into o^r hands & possession the full & whole some of twentie foure poundes and eight shillings wch Moneies were the guift of Mr William Ambrose & Seisly Ambrose his Sister,—wch Monies wee doe hereby engage o^rselues to make good to o^r Successors. And wee doe ꝑmise for o^r selues & o^r $executo^{rs}$ & $Administrato^{rs}$ to saue harmles each other for o^r parts wch wee receiued wch is ꝑticularly menc̃oned wth o^r names as followeth.

Receiued by mee Thomas Harman Churchwarden of the Hamblett of Ratcliffe	iiij^{li}	xj^s	vj^d
THO: HARMAN Churchwarden			
Receiued by mee Edward Arlabeare Churchwarden of Shadwell	iiij^{li}	xj^s	vj^d
EDWARD ARLIBEARE Churchwarden			
Receiued by mee John Harris Churchwarden of lymehouse	vj^{li}	ij^s	
Receiued by mee Christopher Deane Churchwarden of Myle end	vj^{li}	ij^s	
CHRISTOPHER DEANE Churchwarden.			
Receiued by mee William Saule Churchwarden of Popler & Blackwall	iij^{li}	j^s	
The marke of WILLIAM SAULE			
	xxiiij^{li}	viij^s	

March the 28th 1654

Att a meeteing of the Parishionrs in the vestry house the daye & yeare afforesaid for the choyce of Churchwardens to serue in the Parish of Stepnie for the yeare ensueing, the Persons hereafter named were freely Chosen by us whose names are hereunder Written

for Ratcliff	Mr Thomas Harman	Churchwardens for ye yeare ensueing
for Shadwell	Mr Edward Arlabeare	
for Lymehouse	Mr John Harris	
for Myle end	Mr Christopher Deane	
for Popler	Mr William Saule	

JOHN WATERTON	HENRY GLEEDE
WALTER COOKE	THO SPENCER[1]
JOHN MORE	HENRY SHARPE
WILLYAM COUPER	JOHN COLE
JOHN CROUTHER	WILL RAM
EDMOND GROUE	GILLFUORD ELVY
WILLIAM BRISTOW	

ffebruarie the 27th 1654

Att a Generall Meeteing of the Parishionrs in the Vestry house the daye & yeare afforesaid, the house being then full Itt was taken into consideracon the greate want of Meeteings for the setling and carrieing on of the weighty Matters of the Parish, the regulateing of all abuses and the more speedy effecteing of such good and wholsome orders & ye execution of all good lawes that tends to reformacon & they haue thought fitt att this Meeteing to avoyde tumolteoues appearances for future and referr the Matter & consideracon vnto the severall Gentlemen whose names are hereunder to be a representatiue of the pish of Stepnie & bee called a

[1] Captain Thomas Spencer, of Ratcliffe, was buried August 14, 1658. He married Anne, daughter of Nicholas Anstey, and with Robert Hembricks (see p. 227), her brother-in-law, and one of the Captains John Limbery (son of Joane Whiteing, widow), succeeded to Anstey's property under his will.—Stepney Registers and Court Rolls (1656); Strype's Stow.

vestry and that they & every of them by their consents and meeteings or adiournem^{ts} to doe and act to all intents and purposes as the whole Parish, And that all Meeteings appoynted by them or any twelue of them together wth two of the Churchwardens for tyme being, shall bee held deemed, and hereafter accounted a lawfull number :

In Ratcliffe	Lymehouse
Mr William Mellish	Capt John Limbrey
Capt Edward Johnson	Mr John Heaman
Mr Edmund Groue	Capt Walter Maniard
Capt Thomas Harison[1]	Capt John Proud[2]
Capt Thomas Spencer	Capt William Baylie
Mr John Moore	Mr John Ducie
Mr William Cooper	Capt Richard Reade
Mr Edward Arlabeare	Mr William Graues[3]
Mr John Waterton	Capt John Harris
Mr John Hoxton	Capt Thomas Ewens[4]
Mr Robert Hackwell	
Mr William Wildye	
Henry Hodskins	
Capt Arthur Baylie[5]	

[1] Captain Thomas Harrison, one of the captains certified by Waterton (1653) as fit to be commanders at sea (p. 179), owned land in Ratcliffe, and was buried March 5, 1678.—State Papers, Domestic (1653); Stepney Court Rolls (1655) and Registers.

[2] Captain John Prowd, of the navy, was assessed by the Committee for the Adv. of Money at £350. He married on February 4, 1627, Joan Mouse, and is then described as of Shadwell. He seems to have been very much married, as later on, when there was a question whether he would serve in a certain ship, it was reported that 'he was probably not to be had, or it would much disquiet his wife: yet to be asked to come.' This and ill-health kept him much at home, but he seems to have overcome both difficulties and to be on active service in 1667.—State Papers, Domestic; Stepney Registers; Pepys' Diary.

[3] William Greaves or Graves, son of John Graves (p. 157), master shipbuilder: At his works at Limehouse he, in company with Peter Pett (p. 157) and others, was constantly employed in building ships for the navy. He was buried February 22, 1667.—Strype's Stow; State Papers, Domestic; Stepney Registers; Seymour's Survey of London, map.

[4] Captain Thomas Ewens, one of those recommended by Waterton (p. 179). His will was dated October 8, 1664, and on March 2, 1666, his widow, Martha (for her life), and son, Thomas, were admitted at a manorial court to his property.—State Papers, Domestic; Stepney Court Rolls, iii. 59, v. 178.

[5] Captain Arthur Bailey, or Baylie, a member of the Independent congregation in Stepney, by whom he was chosen 'deacon' on April 30, 1658. He was buried at Stepney on February 9, 1682.—A. T. Jones's Early Days of Stepney Meeting; Stepney Registers.

(*In Ratcliffe*)

Mr Edward Keeleing[1]
Ambrose Gooden
Robert Purser[2]
John Birchett[3]
Gyles Laurence[4]
Henry Gleade

Popler & Blackwall	Myle end
Mr John West	Mr Morris Thomson
Mr Thomas Pye	Mr Walter Cooke
Mr Henry Hall	Mr Thomas Hart
Mr Edward Steevens	Mr John Crowther
Mr Ralph Nelson	Mr Thomas Grimley
Mr William Head	Mr Thomas Mempris
Coll: Thomas Midleton[5]	Mr James Dentere
Capt John Swanley[6]	Mr Joseph Cope
Mr Anthony Tutchen[7]	Capt Nathaniell Tilley
Mr Henry Johnson[8]	Mr John Claye

[1] Jefferie Winchurst erased.

[2] Robert Purser, pulley-maker, of Ratcliffe, married Jane Howe on August 9, 1632, by license.—Stepney Registers and Court Rolls (January 2, 1654).

[3] John Birchett married Anne, daughter of William Jones.—Stepney Court Rolls, i., p. 170.

[4] 'Mr. Giles Lawrence, of Wapping Wall, chirurgeon,' was buried May 16, 1657; his (?) widow married Captain Thomas Mann, and died 1688.—Strype's Stow; Stepney Registers.

[5] Colonel Thomas Middleton, after a good many dealings with the West Indies, and the settlement of several colonies there, became in 1660 governor of Barbadoes. In 1664 he was made a commissioner, and three years later surveyor of the navy, and was much occupied in naval affairs. He married Jane, daughter of Sir Robert Needham, and one of the beauties of Charles II.'s court, whose portraits are at Windsor Castle.—State Papers, Domestic, Colonial, America; Pepys' Diary, *passim.*

[6] Captain John Swanley, son of William Swanley, is possibly the one mentioned in the Visitation of Middlesex, 1663, and who is there stated to have married Sarah, daughter of John Fotherby; the Court Rolls, however, declare his wife to have been the daughter of John West and Sarah Fotherby. There were evidently several John Swanleys living at the same time; the Court Rolls mention the death of one in 1640, another was buried in Stepney in 1662; while Charnock mentions a third, who was commander of the *York*, in 1664.—Charnock's Nav. Biog.; Visitation of Middlesex, 1663; Stepney Registers and Court Rolls.

[7] Captain Anthony Tutchen, an officer of the Commonwealth navy, was master of the transport *Brazil*, in May, 1650, and early in 1653 he was busily engaged pressing seamen for the navy in the eastern counties; on April 4 of that year he wrote to the Navy Commissioners:

Itt is alsoe the intent of this meeteing that ye assistance & approbacon of the vicar of this Parish for tyme being shall att all tymes bee desired att the Parish meeteings as formerlie.

Mr Edward Keeleing[1] was named instead of Mr Winchurst[2] att the same meeteing by consent of the Hamblett

March the Six^th^ 1654

Att a meeteing of the vestry men in the vestry house the daye & yeare afforesaid, According to the Ancient Custome of this Parish of Stepnie wee whose names are hereunder written haueing taken into o^r^ consideracon the busines of the Parish and in particular the Compl^ts^ against the Sexton of o^r^ pish, William Culham whome wee haue heard & haue thought fitt that whereas hee came into his Office nott vpon the Parishion^rs^ Choyce that any waies appeareth by this

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'Have pressed 190 men at Wisbech, Lynn, and other places . . . some vessels are fitting for Ireland, but it is perilous; all trade should be stopped till the war is over.' From the Court Rolls we learn that he 'surrendered to his will' in 1643, at which time his wife's name was Margaret, but in June, 1659, he was about to marry 'Grace Hazle, widow,' upon whom he settled certain land in Poplar, known as 'Oakfield.' He died about 1667, leaving property to his two grandchildren, Margaret Gyles and Sarah, wife of Abraham Read. Another Anthony Tutchen is mentioned in the 'Church Book' of Stepney Meeting, who was appointed a deacon by that congregation on August 6, 1668, possibly the same who was buried in Stepney, August 29, 1673. Another Anthony Tutchen and his wife Susan are mentioned in the (1679) Court Rolls, x. 274.—State Papers, Domestic; Stepney Registers and Court Rolls; A. T. Jones' Early Days of Stepney Meeting.

[8] Sir Henry Johnson, shipbuilder and owner of the dockyard at Blackwall. Pepys, in his 'Memoirs,' styles him 'one of the principal private shipbuilders in the kingdom.' He belonged to the family of Johnson, of Freston Hall, co. Suffolk, and for some time represented Aldeburgh in Parliament. He was knighted on March 6, 1679-80, at his own house in Poplar, and was one of the contributors to the old chapel in that hamlet. He died in 1683, possessed of considerable wealth, leaving a rent-charge upon his estate at Blackwall for the benefit of poor ships' carpenters; the property, however, passed into the hands of Lord Strafford's family, and from one cause and another no real benefit accrued from the charity until 1756. The Court Rolls style his residence the 'Gate House,' and mention a lease that he took from the trustees of the E. I. C. for the 'East India Yard and Slaughter-House Fields.'—Stepney Court Rolls; Pepys' Memoirs Relating to the Royal Navy; Visitation of Middlesex, 1663; Townsend's Knights; Lysons' Environs.

[1] Jefferie Winchurst erased.

[2] Jeffery Winchurst, smith, of Ratcliffe, was constable 1659, and was buried May 12, 1674.—Stepney Registers and Court Rolls.

booke y^{t} this daye in respect of his Misdemean^{rs} itt was putt to the Choyce whether hee should continue his imployment any longer And therefore did putt him in Nominacon wth two other fitt persons,[1] and itt appeared hee had by farr the Maior part whoe did then elect him vpon the termes hereafter menconed, That is to saie, that hee shall exercise his office for one whole yeare from the date hereof provided that hee shall honestly & carefully behaue himselfe in his place. And vntill that tyme wee doe declare him & choose him the Parish Sexton. Witnes our hands. & wee doe further order & require William Bissaker to deliuer vpp the keyes to the Churchwardens to bee by them disposed of to such person as is now chosen.

WILL: MELLISH	WALTER MAINARD
JOHN WEST	THOMAS MEMPRIS
JOSEPH COPE	HENRY HODGKIN
EDMUND GROUE	CHRISTOPHER DEANE
JOHN CLAY	HENRY GLEED
WILL WILDEY	EDWARD ARLIBEAR
JOHN MORE	THO HART
GILES LAWRENCE	NATH: TILLEY
WILL GREAUES	JOH DUCIE
JOHN: SWANLEY	WILL^{m} BAYLEY
WALTER COOKE	JOHN CROUTHER
JOHN HEAMAN	THO SPENCER
EDW: JOHNSON	ROBERT PURSSER

Aprill the Sixteenth 1655

Att a Meeteing of the vestrymen together wth the M (*à blank*) According to ancient Custome, in the vestry house for the Choyce of Churchwardens to serue in the severall Hambletts for the yeare ensueing the Persons whose names are herevnder written were Chosen for Churchwardens. In

[1] Margin has Thomas Linsey, Francis Tivell (see p. 208).

testimonie whereof wee ye vestrymen haue hereunto sett o^r hands the said daye & yeare.

for Ratcliff	Mr Edward Keeleing	for ye Churchwardens for the yeare ensueing
for Shadwell	Mr Henry Gleade	
for Lymehouse	Mr John Proude	
for Myle end	Capt John Crowther	
for Popler & Blackwall	Capt John Swanley	

MAURICE THOMSON	JN^o LIMBERY
WALTER COOKE	JO: HOXTON
JOHN HEAMAN	EDW: JOHNSON
THOMAS MEMPRIS	JOSEPH COPE
THO HART	THO: GRIMLEY
WILLM BAYLEY	CH: DEANE
JOHN BURCHETT	EDMOND GROUE
JOHN: WRIGHT	WILLYAM COUPER
W. ARCHER[1]	THO EWEN
JO: WINTERBORNE	WM GREAUES
THO SPENCER	JOH DUCIE
JOHN WILLS[2]	THOMAS ALLEE
	FFRANCIS CLEMENT[3]

Aprill the Sixteenth 1655

Wee whose names are hereunder Written haueing taken into consideracon the obiections against William Culham Sexton, and vpon further thoughts haue this daye thought fitt to declare him unfitt for any further imployement in the office of Sexton in o^r said Parish. Witnes o^r handes

And wee haue made Choyce of the gentlemen hereafter

[1] Captain William Archer, of Ratcliffe, Pewterer, was buried April 2, 1679. He is elsewhere in the Minutes called major.—Stepney Registers.

[2] Captain John Wills, of Mile End, mariner, and his wife Sarah, bought land in Limehouse, 1653: he was buried February 15, 1671.—Stepney Registers and Court Rolls.

[3] Francis Clement, of Limehouse, glazier, was buried June 12, 1657.—Stepney Registers.

named, to bee vestrymen & assistants to us in the manageing the busines of the Parish

in Ratcliff	in Shadwell
Capt William Archer	Mr John Winterborne
Capt John Wills	Mr John Wright
in Myle end	in Lymehouse
Mr Joseph Collins[1]	Capt Thomas Cutlett
Mr John Hawes	Mr John Hasle
	ffrancis Clements

MAURICE THOMSON	HENRY GLEED
JOHN HEAMAN	JN^{o} LIMBERY
EDW: JOHNSON	JOHN CROWTHER
THOMAS GRIMLEY	THO HART
CHRISTOPHER DEANE	RICH READE
JO HAWES	THO SPENCER
W. ARCHER	THO EWEN
WM̃ GREAUES	JOHN PRESTON
JOHN HARIS	NICHOLAS FOARDHAM[2] (*mark*)
JOHN PROWD	JO: HOXTON
EDWARD ARLIBEAR	E. KELING

Aprill the three & twentieth 1655

[3] Wee whose names are hereunder written being vestry men of the Parish of Stepny Mett in ye vestry house for

[1] Captain Joseph Collins, mariner, left 40s. to the poor of Ratcliffe ; his will mentions his wife Mary, and two children, Elizabeth Castle, and Joyce, the wife of Gustavus Somerslave, also a grandson, Joseph Castle. He was buried in Stepney on July 23, 1663.—Stepney Registers ; Will at Somerset House.

[2] Nicholas Fordham was constable of Mile End 1656.—Stepney Court Rolls.

[3] A marginal note here reads as follows: 'Nominated, Thomas Linsey,* 11 ; ffran: Tivell,† 13 ; Robert Gilderslyne.'‡

* Thomas Linsey, shipcaulker, of Stepney, married Anne Oliver on May 11, 1642, by license ; by will dated March 11, 1670, he left property to his wife and sister, and they were admitted on April 12.—Stepney Court Rolls, vii. 11.

† Francis Tivell, one of Barnstaple, mariner, married Avis Drewe, of Poole, June 28, 1641 ; and another, a tailor, of St. Botolph, Aldgate, married Anne Tittle, of Ratcliffe, September 29, 1631 : the latter is more probably the sexton.—Stepney Registers.

‡ Robert Gildersleeves, mariner, of Ratcliffe, married Elizabeth Carpenter April 17, 1637. —Stepney Registers.

the Choyce of a Sexton for o^{r} Parish, haue this daye thought fitt to electe & Chuse for the pformance of the Office of Sexton Frauncis Tivell for one whole yeare next ensueing hee honestly behaveing himselfe dureing his imployem^{t}:

Itt is ye daye & yeare aboue menc̄oned agreed att the same vestry that all such Members whoe shall rashly & uncivilly vse any affronteing language against any of the members of the vestry that from & after such his misdemeano^{r} hee shall bee excluded the vestry house for future Meeteing wth them

Itt is this daye & yeare further ordered that a paper bee at large drawne vpp for the better regulateing of all disorders att Burialls in the Church & Churchyard of Stepny & alsoe for the regulateing the Registring of the names of Children & their birthe.

Jno Limbery	W. Archer
Edw Johnson	Tho Ewen
Edmond Groue	Jo Winterborne
Edward Arlibear	Francis Clement
Henry Gleed	E. Keling
Rich Reade	John Crouther
Jo Hawes	John Heaman
Thomas Mempris	John Burchett
Thomas Grimley	Ambrose Goodinge
Tho Spencer	John Wright

May the third 1655

Att a Vestry holden in the vestry house the daye & yeare afforesaid in relac̄on to a paper to bee drawne vpp for Regulateing the Many abuses in o^{r} Parish, wee haue thought fitt to Order

That all persons shall paye to and for the vse of the Parish of Stepnie the full some of fourty shillings of lawfull Money for the buriall of every Corps litle or greate in the ground wthin the Church And this som̄e wth all dutyes to bee

paid before the ground bee broken open, the same duties to bee paid into the hands of the pish Clarke.

That non shall bury any corps in the Church yard neare the wall of the Church, but where the Grauemaker may digg the grave conveniently.

That Notice bee giuen to the Sexton of all burialls 6 houres att least before the tyme of buriall together ye name & cause of death of each party & paye ye ordinary duties for ye same *& hee to giue ye same to ye Clerke*

That all the names and tymes of birth of euery child w^th^in this Parish bee sent vnto the pish Regester for tyme being w^th^in one moneth next after the said birth to bee entred in the pish Register books or otherwise that hee fill vpp his bookes and hee pforme his dutye in due tyme.

That the Ancient dutie for the vse of the pish Clothes bee continued to bee paied for every Corps to bee hereafter buried

And att this vestry these Gentlemen hereafter named are presented by the Churchwardens & approued by the vestry then present to serue for the office of Sidemen:

Capt William Archer	for Ratcliff
Mr John Mintern[1]	for lymehouse
Mr George Carey	for Shadwell
Mr John Hawes	for Myle end
Mr Randall Attwood	for Spitlefelds

These Gentlemen following were desired by the vestry to be aydeing & assisting to the Churchwardens & Sydemen in the Survayes of the pish Church & other necesarie occasion. for pish good

That is to saie Capt Thomas Spencer, Capt Richard Reade Mr Thomas Grimley and Mr Edward Arlabeare

E. KELING
JOHN HEAMAN
JOHN CROUTHER, Churchwarden.

[1] John Minterne, a scrivener, of Limehouse, and probably son of Henry Minterne, of London.—Stepney Registers; Hutchins' 'History of Dorsetshire,' iv. 422.

WILLM BAYLEY	ROBERT PURSSER
EDW: JOHNSON	AMBROSE GOODINGE
JO WINTERBORNE	JOHN HARIS
HENRY GLEED	FRANCIS CLEMENT
JOSEPH COPE	JOHN HAWES
EDMOND GROUE	JOHN WRIGHT
THO SPENCER	THO EWEN
THOMAS MEMPRIS	

July the second 1655

Att a vestry holden this daye in the vestry house itt was by generall consent agreed that the accquittance subscribed by the Lord Mayor & Sr Thomas Vyner[1] Tresurors for ye Collection for the Poore Protestants wthin the dominions of the duke of Savoy bee herein Recorded & is as ffolloweth

The xxvijth daye of June 1655

Receiued then of William Greenehill Minister Edward Keeleing Henry Gleede John Crowther John Proude & John Swanley Churchwardens of the pish of Stepny in the County of Midd the some of Two hundred thirty & two poundes twelue shillings & Eleven pence being soe much by them Collected for the releife of the poore ꝑtestants wthin the dominions of the duke of Savoy accordeing to a declaracõn & instructions from his highnes the Lord Protecto^{r} of the 25th of May last wee say Receiued 232^{li}: 12 xj^{d}

CHR: PACKE Maior } Tresuro^{rs}
THO: VYNER }

JOHN POWELL Receiuer

Itt was also agreed att the same vestry that all matters of repares to be done to the body of the Church of their parish, the resetting vpp of the Ten Comandem^{ts} bee referred to

[1] Sir Thomas Vyner, a distinguished city man, only mentioned incidentally here, but he was concerned with Stepney, and owned land both here and at Hackney.—Stepney Court Rolls, iv. 68, 90.

the care of the Churchwardens, Sydemen & the foure Asistants att the last vestry

That by the care of Mr Keeling & Mr Crowther a Breviate of all Acts & Ordinances of Parliament that concerne the due obseruation of the Lords daye bee drawne vpp published & sett vpp in seuerall convenient places in & about the Church to the end that all idle & disorderly persons whoe walke vpp & downe on the lords daye or lyers on the ground in the churchyard may bee tymely forewarned.

That the Churchwardens doe take special Care about all Moneys giuen to & for the releife of the poore or for a stock to sett the poore on worke & that they forthwth repare to Mr Greenehill to conferr wth him about the Monies giuen to the Parish of Stepny out of the Impost vpon seacoale & that care may bee taken by them for the best improvem^{ts} thereof.

That the Parish vestry house bee forth^{wth} repared & a Cage & a pare of Stocks sett vpp in some convenient place neare the Church wthin the Churchyard.

July ye second 1655

The seuerall Matters Written on the other syde of this Leafe were agreed vpon by us

MAURICE THOMSON	E. KELING	Church-wardens
JOHN WATERTON	JOHN CROUTHER	
JO HAWES	HENRY GLEED	
JOHN HEAMAN	JOHN PROWD	
EDW: JOHNSON	JOHN: SWANLEY	
THO HART	JOH DUCIE	
EDMOND GROUE	THOMAS GRIMLEY	
THO EWEN	JOSEPH COLLINS	
THO SPENCER	EDWARD ARLIBEAR	
W. ARCHER	JOHN BURCHETT	
JOHN: WRIGHT	JO: WINTERBORNE	
WALTER COOKE		

October ye first 1655

Att a meeting this daye of the Members of ye vestry The Churchwardens did present vnto them some papers Giueing an Accompt of the ꝑticulars referred to their care by the vestry held ye second of July last And first presented a breviate of the Acts & Ordinances now in force for the better observation of the lords daye which being read ouer & debated att this vestry was approooved And the Churchwardens then desired to cause severall Coppyes thereof to bee printed and to bee fixed in Convenient places att their discretions for publique Notice thereof to bee taken for the preventeing of the frequent disorders & prophanations of that daye w^th^in this Parish.

Secondly, that they had viewed & considered of the repares wanting vpon the Vestry house, and for their better informacõn of the Workes needfull to bee done and the charge thereof, they had caused a Survey to bee made by two able ꝑsons : Workmen within the Citty of London whoe had deliuered their opinions vnder their hands That to build that house with brick And to finde all Materialls & Workmanshipp for ye buildeing 50 foote in length & 20 foote in breadth betwixt the Walls will cost 260^li^ or thereabouts besides all the Materialls of the old house.

The vestry haueing considered the said report of that worke ; did vnanimously agree that the same should bee ꝑformed & that Monies for that vse & for other occasions of the Church should bee raised in the seꝓall diuisions of this ꝑish. But being not clearely satisfied with the Computed Charge for that house, desired the Churchwardens Sydemen & their respectiue assistants within each Hamblett to cause another vewe & estimate thereof to bee made by some other workmen and to giue in the same att the next vestry to bee Ordered accordingly

Itt was alsoe presented to the vestry that the Company of

Coopers did desire leaue to build vpp a Gallary in some convenient place for ye sitting of the children of the ffree Schoole[1] belonging to that Companie The consideracon was referred to the psons appoynted att a former vestry for repares of the vestry house

The Churchwardens did alsoe present that accordeing to order the last vestry they had spoke wth Mr Greenehill Justice Waterton & Mr Hutchinson about the Monies Giuen to the Poore of this Parish out of the Imposte vpon Seacoale from whome they receiued answere that the some of 400^li^ had beene receiued and as to the disposeing thereof some part was to bee disposed with the consent of Mr Cawley[2] & Mr Waterton & the rest wth consent of Mr Hutchinson & Mr Waterton & that this disposure was to bee for a stock to sett the poore on Worke or otherwise at their discretion And that some pte of y^t^ Money was by Order Giuen to a poore widd Alreedy.

The vestry this daye takeing the busines into their consideracon did desire that Mr Maurice Thomson, Capt John Limbrey & Justice Hoxton would conferr wth Mr Greenehill and those other Gentlemen how ye said 400^li^ & the proffitt of itt should bee imployed either for a stock or other Aduantage for the Poore accordeing to the intent of the Act of Parliament. Itt was also desired that they would Speake with Mr Greenehill about readeing the word of god in publicque before the time of sermon on ye lords daye, and alsoe concerneing Cattechizeing

And lastly concerneing ye 50^li^ heretofore paid to him for his fortnights Lecture And that if hee shall not think good to accept thereof itt may bee noe preiudice to the continuance of Mr John Johnsons Lecture or the collections of the Monie to that purpose

The vestry being informed that there is 50^li^ remayneing in the hands of Justice Waterton as pte of the ffine of

[1] Founded by Nicholas Gibson (see p. ix.).

[2] Mr. Cawley (? Richard C.), mariner, of Limehouse, who on June 11, 1650, married Dorothea Browne.—Stepney Regsters.

Alderman Reignoldson[1] Giuen by the Parliament to the vse of the poore of this pish they doe desire that the Churchwardens would repare to Mr Waterton & informe themselues what improvem^{t} is made of itt & when Mr Waterton will pay in the Money or giue security for itt, And accordingly to informe the vestry att their next meeteing

And that they would speake with Mr Earle concerneing ye Legacie Giuen to the poore by Mr Daniell Darling,[2] deceased, and soe alsoe with Mrs Pett concerneing the Legacie giuen by her late husband to ye pish of Stepny for ye poores vse.

Aprill the first 1656

Att a vestry this daye itt was desired that the entries of the busines of the vestry held the first of October last bee reade & confirmed

Secondly that the respectiue answeres to soe many of those entries as were referred to further Care & proseqution may bee now receiued & debated

To the first concerning the Acts & Ordinances for ye Saboth, they haue for some reasons omitted the printeing of that paper, but shall accordeing to direction giue a speedy dispatch thereunto

To the Second concerning the repareing or newbuilding of the Vestrye house the Churchwardens & others intrusted, had accordeing to Order caused another vewe & estimate to bee made of that Charge by foure other persons whoe are workemen who doe present that the Materialls & workemanshipp for that house of the pposed demensions will cost besides the old Materialls 220^{li}. And that to put the old house in good repare will cost 100^{li}/

To the third concerning the desire of the Companie of

[1] Abraham Reynardson, late Lord Mayor of London, was fined £2,000 for his misdemeanours during his mayoralty; and on April 2, 1649, Parliament ordered the money to be paid in equal parts to the poor of (i.) Southwark, (ii.) Westminster, (iii.) the City, (iv.) the Tower Hamlets. On the following June 30 Stepney's share was paid, on the recommendation of the J.P.'s, to John Waterton.—State Papers, Adv. of Money, i.

[2] See p. 156.

Coopers for the building of a Gallery in the Church for the sitting of the Children of their free Schoole the foresaid referees did take vewe & consideracon of that proposall & how the same might bee effected if the said Company & this vestry did approve thereof & to that end gaue in their opinnion as followth, That the place most convenient for that purpose is vpon the North Side of the Church to goe from East to west before & somewhat lower then the present Gallery there but as to the Charge of the same the referees conceive itt is fitt to bee Carried on by the Companie whoe expect the sole vse and benefitt thereof

To the fourth, concerning the Monies recd by Mr Greenehill ye Vicar they haue noe accompt to giue, saue that they heare that the said 400^{li} is disposed by Mr Greenehill & two of the Justices. Concerneing the Monies of Alderman Reignoldsons ffine said to bee in Mr Watertons hands, the Referees haue seene accquittances and pervsed some Accompts whereby itt appeares the said Monies were pd in to the respectiue Churchwardens and are past vpon their Accompts.

The Churchwardens doe further offer to the vestry that in psuance of an Order of the Vestry the second of July last by which the repares to bee done to the body of the Church of this pish were refferred to the Churchwardens Sidemen & 4 Assistants the fores^{d} severall persons haue caused severall workes & reparacons to bee made for the new layeing of the Iles & whole body of the Church pavement & for repare & strengthning of most of the said Church pewes & the Wall about the Church yard & the same new built in severall places, the Charge of the whole by them issued out being (*a blank*) ffor which accordeing to former Customes in the like cases they desire that a Landscott & Asseasement may bee laid vpon the pishon^{rs} & others holdeing Lands or otherwise estated and vpon the outdwellers whoe occupie Lands within this pish—

And if this vestry shall think fitt to Order the repareing or new buildeing of the vestry house according to the Estimates thereof that the said Landscott & asseasm^{t}: may conteyne the some of Money wch the vestry shall allott to that vse of the vestry house And that all other the Inhabitants in the said pish not occupeing any Lands, may bee rated to paie towards all the said Charge accordeing to some ꝑporc̃on of their respectiue asseasements to the poore or accordeing to their personalle states

It is further declared to this Vestry That the Churchwardens & others findeing a dropping downe of Raine in severall places over the Chancell by which the people were disturbed and that there was feare of the decayeing & Rotting the Timbers in that Roofe to ye greate danger & damage of the people they did by themselues & Workemen take a vewe vpon the leads ouer the Chancell, Which they found very defectiue, The charge of which (in case the Lead bee taken vpp & new cast) is estimated by the said Workemen att 45^{li}, otherwise to bee only layde with a new Crowne peece & the two Gutters new layde With sodering & Workemenshipp as itt now lyes will cost 18^{li}, And the Timber Worke not valued, The consideraco̅n of this is left to the vestry

Aprill the viijth 1656

Att a meeteing of the Parishion^{rs} this daye in the vestry house for the makeing Choyce of Churchwardens for the yeare ensueing, they haue thought fitt to Choose for Churchwardens these Gentlemen hereafter named

In Ratcliff	Mr Edward Keeleing	for vpper Churchwardens
in Shadwell	Mr Henry Gleade	
in Lymehouse	Capt John Proude	
in Myle end	Capt John Crowther	

& Mr Thomas Lancaster in Popler

And for the better puision & supply of Officers for the future who may be truely informed of the pish affaires, the pishion[rs] haue thought fitt to name for vnder Churchwardens to serue for the yeare ensueing

In Ratcliff	Cap[t] Thomas Spencer	for vnd[r] Churchwardens
in Shadwell	M[r] James Bartlett	
in lymehouse	Cap[t] Thomas Ewins	
in Myle end	M[r] John Wright	

JNO LIMBERY	HENRY HALL
WILL: MELLISH	JOHN WEST
JOHN HEAMAN	THO MIDDLETON
E: KELING	THOMAS MEMPRIS
JOHN CROUTHER	JOHN PROWD
HENRY GLEED	THOMAS GRIMLEY
EDW: JOHNSON	EDWARD ARLIBEAR
EDMOND GROUE	WILL THOMAS[1]
JOHN BURCHETT	

Aprill the 28th 1656

Att a meeteing of the Parishion[rs] this daye in the vestry house in order to settling & concludeing of former votes & orders made att seuerall meeteings for and concerneing the repares of their pish Church, walls windowes Churchyard-walles or any necessaries of repares thereunto belonging or for & concerneing the Parish meeteing house aunciently called the vestrie house—Att this meeteing doe agree that a rate or Landscott bee made forthwith throughout this pish in all the severall diuisions And that the full some of One hundred & threescore pounds of lawfull Money bee ceased

[1] William Thomas, captain in the employ of the Commonwealth, employed at one time on active service under the Earl of Warwick, and later, transporting food for the Admiralty in the *Adventure* of London (165½). He also was busy with commercial enterprise, for on March 7, 165⅞, he petitioned the Lord Protector and Council for protection against the impress of his two vessels bound for the Greenland whale-fishery. He seems to have belonged to a commercial firm, for the petition is made in the name of Captain William Thomas and Co.—State Papers: Adv. of Money, i.; Domestic, 1651-2, 1655.

on the pishion[rs] in such equal proportions as formerly haue beene made in y[e] like case & bee Collected by y[e] Churchwardens or whome they thinke fitt to appoynte. And that the some of fourty poundes of like money bee att the same time levied & asseased on the parishioners for discharge of the severall somes for seuerall yeares paste layde by ꝑportion on the ꝑish of Stepnie for & towards the Mayntenance of the Maymed Souldiers & hospitalls. And for the better setling of the ꝑticulars they haue thought fitt to ꝑportion the same According to vsual diuisions to bee asseased[1]

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in Ratcliff fourty foure poundes ...	44:	00
in Shadwell fourty foure poundes ...	44:	00
in Lymehouse fifty eight poundes ...	58:	00
in Myle end, Bethnell greene, Spitle feilds } fifty eight pounds ...	58:	00
	204:	00

E. Keling	John heaman
John Prowd	John Wills
Tho Ewen	Tho: Grimley
Thomas Spencer	Roger Garland[2]
John Crouther	francis Clement
Edw: Johnson	John Raymond[3]
Edmond Groue	Jo Hawes

[1] This is, however, not the usual proportion, see pp. 195 and 200, and there is no mention here of Poplar and Blackwall: both these mistakes are rectified at the next Vestry, p. 220.

[2] Roger Garland, mariner, of Ratcliffe, evidently a man of some wealth, as in 1651 he bought of Sir Henry Herbert and Sir Henry and Dame Vere Every a mansion-house, garden, and orchard in Stepney, late in the occupation of Dame Hellen Sleaford and Sir Edward Waterhouse. He was buried May 25, 1654.—Deed (*penes me*, W. H. F.); Stepney Registers.

[3] John Raymond was a brewer, living at Ratcliffe Cross, and a man of considerable property. In 1657 he was constable of Ratcliffe, and he was buried January 7, 16⅞⅞.—Court Rolls, iv. 60, 169; viii. 29; lease (*penes me*, W.H.F.) of four houses and wharves at Ratcliffe Cross; Stepney Registers.

EDWARD ARLIBEAR	JOHN: WRIGHT
HENRY GLEED	ROBERT PURSSER
AMBROSE GOODINGE	JOH DUCIE
HENRY HODGKIN	GILLFURD ELVEY
W. ARCHER	THOMAS ALLEE

And further att this Meeteing Consideration was had of the report made and entred the first of Aprill instant concerneing the repare of the Leades & roofe ouer the Chancell: And itt being resolued that there was a necessity of the speedy doeing of that worke for the preservation of the timbers & whole frame, Itt is thought fitt that Mr Greenehill the vicar haue Notice hereof that if hee shall thinke fitt in regard hee is lyable by the lawe to the repares thereof to cause a further survey to bee made thereon & the same taken in a seasonable time before the next meeteing soe that Workemen may bee timely imployed for such repares.

Januarie the 15th 1656

Att a meeteing of the Parishion^rs^ in the vestry house this daye the Churchwardens presented a paper wherein they gaue a ꝑticular Accompt of Moneys by them disbursed in ye repares of the Church the whole pavements and[1] ye walles about the Church yard And whereas att a fformer meeteing the ꝑishion^rs^ thought fitt for raiseing of two hundred & foure poundes for ye discharg of the Worke menc̃oned in their order of the 28th of Aprill last vpon further consideration att this meeteing they haue now thought fitt that the some of one hundred & twenty poundes & noe more bee now raised, And that the same some bee equally asseased & raised in the severall diuisions of the whole ꝑish of Stepnie./ That is to saie in Ratcliffe & Shadwell fourty five pounds in Lymehouse Thirty pounds in Myle end Bednell greene & Spitle feilds thirty pounds & in Popler & Blackwall fifteene

[1] 'Most of the pewes' has been erased.

pounds.[1] W^ch^ is by full consent & that the said some be asseased forthw^th^

Jno Limbery	Tho Chenies
Jo: Hoxton	John heaman
Henry Gleed	Edw: Johnson
Jo Winterborne	John Haris
Edmond Groue	Edward Arlibear
Tho: Grimley	W Archer
E: Keling	Jo: Best
John Crouther	Thomas Mempris
John Prowd	

March ye 30th 1657.

Att a meeteing of the Members of the vestry in the pish house in the Churchyard itt there appeared by the running downe of Water from ye people whoe liue in the roomes aboue the vestry that they are greate preiudice to the house & the vestry then ordered that all the Inhabitants aboue should be warned out & to get them houses elswhere before ye 24th of June next

Maurice Thomson	John: Wright
John West	John Crouther
E. Keling	Henry Gleed
Joseph Cope	Jno Limbery
Tho Hart	John Burchett
Tho Spencer	Arthur Bailey
John Prowd	John Raymond

March ye xxx^th^ 1657.

Att a Meeteing of the vestry accordeing to their Custome for the Choyce of Churchwardens for the yeare ensueing they haue made Choyce of the Gentlemen hereafter named

[1] See note on p. 219.

In Ratcliff ...	Capt Thomas Spencer Capt William Thomas	To serue office of Church-warden
In Shadwell ...	Mr James Bartlett Mr John Wright	
In Lymehouse	Mr William Graues Mr Thomas Cuttlett	
In Myle end ...	Mr John Wright Mr Thomas Mempris	
In Popler ...	Capt Thomas Lancaster Mr Randall Rudd[1]	

MAURICE THOMSON	JOHN PROWD
JOHN WEST	JOHN MORE
E KELING	EDMOND GROUE
JN^{o} LIMBERY	W ARCHER
JOHN CROUTHER	JOSEPH COLLINS
HENRY GLEED	ROGER GARLAND
JOSEPH COPE	JOHN BURCHETT
THO: GRIMLEY	ARTHUR BAILEY
THO HART	JOHN HAWES
THO SPENCER	JOHN RAYMOND

Aprill the 13th 1658.

Att a meeteing of the Gentlemen of ye vestry in the Parish house the daye & yeare afforesaid for the Choyce of Churchwardens for the pish of Stepnie for ye yeare ensueing they haue made choyce of the Gentlemen hereafter named to serue ye office of Churchwardens that is to saie

In Ratcliff ...	Capt William Thomas Capt William Wildye
In Shadwell ...	Mr John Wright Mr John Burchett

[1] Randall Rudd, the tenant of three acres of marsh-land in Poplar, which Sir Henry Johnson (see p. 204) bought from Captain Crowther's widow, October, 1672. He was buried at Poplar the following March 10.- Stepney Court Rolls, vii. 276.

In lymehouse ... { Mr William Graues
Mr Thomas Cuttlett

In Myle: end ... { Capt Roger Garland
Mr John Preston

In Popler ... { Mr Randall Rudd
Capt John Swanley

MAURICE THOMSON	JOHN CROUTHER
WM GREAUES	HENRY GLEED
WILL THOMAS	ARTHUR BAILEY
JOHN: WRIGHT	THO SPENCER
RANDALL RUDD	EDW: JOHNSON
JN^{o} LIMBERY	EDMOND GROUE
JOSEPH COPE	W ARCHER
JAMES DENTIER	THO LANCASTER
JOHN HARIS	

Aprill the 13th 1658

Whereas in this booke amongst other things there stands recorded fo: 116[1] that the some of foure hundred poundes was paied into the hands of Mr Greenehill for the vse of the poore of the pish of Stepnie by Order of the Comittee of the Custome out of Monies by Acts of Parliament raised vpon Impost vpon Sea Coale, W^{ch} Monies was conceived ought to bee disposed of by the Churchwardens as other Monies for the poores vse is, And Whereas this daye vpon the Motion of John Limbrey Esqr: itt was offered that the said some of 400^{li} was by Order of the said Comittee to bee disposed of by Mr Greenehill, Richard Hutchinson John Limbrey John Hoxton & John Waterton Esq^{rs} and not by the Churchwardens and that the vestry shall haue a particular accompt thereof & alsoe of the disposall of the said Monies the vestry this daye in respect to the said Mocon haue thought fitt to nominate Capt Thomas Spencer, Capt William

[1] See p. 214.

Thomas, Mr John Wright Mr John Burchett, Mr Wittm Graues Mr Thomas Cuttlett Capt John Crowther & Mr John Preston to meete together to receiue such accompt as afforesd & alsoe to report how they finde the same to the next vestry.

MAURICE THOMSON	WM GREAUES
THO SPENCER	JOSEPH COPE
WILL THOMAS	JAMES DENTIER
JOHN: WRIGHT	EDW: JOHNSON
HENRY GLEED	EDMOND GROUE
ARTHUR BAILEY	JOHN HARIS
RANDALL RUDD	W ARCHER
JNO LIMBERY	THO LANCASTER

September the 23th 1658

Att a meeteing this daye of the vestrymen of the pish itt was ordered that the Churchwardens together wth two of the most able & ancient of persons of each diuisions doe meete together to conclude of some Order to bee drawne vpp for prevention of all disorders about vnseasonable burialls and that the(y) present their Order the next vestry. wch is speedily to bee called for yt purpose

And to drawe vpp some order for ye better regulateing of burialls here by Strangers in the Church & in the vaults

And that those Gentlemen would alsoe call for an Accompt of the late asseasement made in this pish for the repare of ye pish Church & to certifie att the next vestry what hath beene asseased, & Collected & now remaineing

MAURICE THOMSON	WILLM GREENEHILL
JOHN: WRIGHT	WILL THOMAS
EDMOND GROUE	WM GREAUES
JOSEPH COLLINS	WILL WILDEY
JNO LIMBERY	JOHN PRESTON
EDW: JOHNSON	THOMAS GRIMLEY
JOHN CROUTHER	JNO HAWES

December ye 27th 1658

Att a meeteing of the Members of the vestry this daye in the vestry house the Accompt of the Money left to the disposall of Mr Greenehill was certified & the vestry receiued full satisfaction that the some of foure hundred poundes soe often menc̄oned in this booke was giuen & by him the said Mr Greenehill together wth John Limbrey & John Hoxton Esqr & Mr Richard Hutchinson really distributed vnto and amongst neare eight hundred poore families & persons in distress and therefore wee Whose names are hereund^r Written for ourselues & our Successors Parishion^rs of Stepnie doe approue of such distribution & hereby fully discharge the said Mr Greenehill & his relac̄ons & all others the Gentlemen whoe ioyned wth Mr Greenehill in the disposeing thereof. Witnes our hands

EDW: JOHNSON	WIL̄L THOMAS
JOSEPH COPE	WM GREAUES
JOHN CROUTHER	WIL̄L WILDEY
EDMOND GROUE	JOHN PRESTON
JOHN: WRIGHT	ROGER GARLAND
THO: GRIMLEY	ARTHUR BAILEY

The fift daye of Aprill 1659

Att a meeteing of the Members of the vestry in the pish house in the Church yard accordeing to their Custome for the election of Churchwardens for the yeare ensueing Itt was thought fitt att thatt Meeteing & they did then elect & Choose the Gentlemen hereafter named to serue the sd office.

In Ratcliff	Capt William Wildy
In Shadwell ...	Mr John Burchett Mr William Weston
In lymehouse	Maio^r Thomas Cutlett

In Myle end Capt Roger Garland
Mr Nicholas ffordham his Sideman

In Popler & Blackwall { Mr John Wight
Mr William Margeet

Jo: Hoxton	John West
Jno Limbery	Edw: Johnson
Wiĉl Thomas	Edmond Groue
John :Wright	Tho Ewen
Wm Greaues	John: Swanley
Jo Winterborne	Randall Rudd
Thomas Grimley	W Archer
Jo: Best	John Wills
John Preston	Henry Gleed
Joseph Cope	Arthur Bailey

The fift daye of Aprill 1659

Att a Meeteing this daye in the vestry house itt was taken into consideraĉon the necessity of new nameing & repeateing of the vestrymen & therefore haue incerted all the Members as followth.

In Ratcliff	In Myle end
John Hoxton Esqr	Morris Thomson Esqr
Capt Edward Johnson	Mr Thomas Hart
Mr Edmund Groue	Capt John Crouther *deade*
Thomas Harrison	Mr Thomas Grimley sen^{r}
William Wildye	Mr James Denteire
Edward Keeleing	Mr Joseph Cope
William Archer	Capt Roger Garland[1]
Mr John Wills	Mr Joseph Collins
Capt William Thomas	Mr John Hawes
Mr Josias Best	Capt John Proude
	Mr John Wright

[1] Mr. Nathaniel Tilley erased.

In Shadwell	In lymehouse
John Waterton Esqr	John Lymbery Esqr
Henry Hodgkins	Capt John Harris
Mr Edward Arlabeare	Capt Thomas Ewins
Mr John Moore	Maior Thomas Cuttlett
Capt Arthur Baylie	Mr William Graues
Mr John Wright	Mr Thomas Wilkinson[1]
Mr John Burchett	Mr Robert Hembricks[2]
Ambrose Gooden	Mr Abraham Graues[3]
Mr Henry Gleade	Mr Beniamin Andrews[4]
Mr John Winterbourne	Mr John Leddman

July ye 15th 1659

Att a meeteing this daye of the members of the vestry whose names are hereunder Written, the Accompt of ꝑticulers following wch belong to the ꝑish of Stepnie was ordered to bee kept for ye parish vse. (vi3t) One damask table cloth for ye Comunion table, two silver & guilt bowles wth Covers for ye Comunicants vse & two greate pewter fflagons one greene broade cloth Carpett one long greene velvett Cushion for ye pulpitt; one pewter bason one broade brass bason All wch ꝑticulers were delivered into the hands of Capt William Wildy the present Churchwarden in Ratcliff & itt is this daye

[1] Thomas Wilkinson was ordained a deacon to Stepney Meeting, on the 21st of the second month, 1650, and is supposed to have been the first one chosen to that office. He had been admitted a member in 1644, and was then described as 'shoemaker of Limehouse.'—Jones' Early Days of Stepney Meeting.

[2] Robert Hembricks, chirurgeon, of Limehouse, married Rebecca, daughter of Captain Thomas Spencer (p. 202), and in 1656 he and Anne Spencer (probably his mother-in-law) inherited land from John Watts. On February 9, 1658, he was nominated a deacon at Stepney Meeting, and on April 20, 1669, he was entered in the Court Rolls as dead. His son was buried in the Quaker burial-ground on December 10, 1666.—Stepney Court Rolls, i. 149, 157, 199; vi. 109; Jones' Early Days of Stepney Meeting; Stepney Registers.

[3] Abraham Graves, shipwright, of Limehouse. He married Elizabeth Stephens by licence on July 18, 1638, and several of his sales of land are recorded in the Court Rolls.—Stepney Registers; Court Rolls, iii. 102; vi. 163; vii. 148, 166.

[4] Benjamin Andrews, brewer and constable of Limehouse in 1657; an active member of the Independent congregation meeting in Stepney, by whom he was appointed a 'deacon' in October, 1656, and two years later an 'elder.' He had been admitted in 1648, and continued a member for more than fifty years, during the greater part of which he seems to have been the chief officer next to the minister; his name appears on all their deeds and documents, and most of their finance was transacted by him.—A. T. Jones's Early Days of Stepney Meeting; Stepney Court Rolls.

thought fitt & agreed that the succeeding Churchwardens of Ratcliff shall haue the keepeing of them in Succession & to accompt for the same to the pish.

And att the same Meeteing itt was then alsoe agreed that for ye better discouery of the poore whoe haue iust necessity for releife by pencon in the pish of Stepny that euery such pson as shall hereafter be relieved doe weare a pewter badge wth inscription vsed as thought fitt. wth the name of what diuision they belong to.

EDW: JOHNSON	WILL WILDEY	Churchwarden
EDMOND. GROUE	JOHN BURCHETT	Church-wardens
THOMAS GRIMLEY	ROGER GARLAND	
WILL THOMAS	THOMAS CUTLETT	
W ARCHER	WILLI WESTON	
JOHN: WRIGHT	JOHN WILLS	
JOSEPH COLLINS	THO: HARRISON	
	JOHN MORE	

By vertue of letters Pattents vnder ye greate seale Collected in the severall diuisions or Hambletts of the pish of Stepnie for releife of the late Poore Inhabitants of Southwold otherwise Soulbay in the County of Suffolke the full & whole some of ffifty sixe poundes eighteene shillings & ten pence & is towards repare of their greate loss by fier. That is to saye

	li	s	d
In Ratcliff	11.	14.	7½
Church doore ...	12.	8	4
Shadwell	5.	7.	0
lymehouse	7.	13.	3
Myle end	14.	9	7½
Popler	5.	6.	0
	56.	18.	10

WILLM GREENEHILL Ministr

WILL WILDEY } Churchwardens
ROGER GARLAND }

The some of 56li 18s 10d was paid as p acquittance a Copy whereof is as followeth

Receiued the 27th of August 1659 of Mr William Wildye & Mr Roger Garland Churchwardens of Stepny (viz̄t) for Ratcliff Shadwell lymehouse Popler & Myle end divisions for ye whole pish of Stepny the some of fifty sixe poundes eighteene shillings & ten pence Wch is for the breife of Southwold alias Soulebay in Suffolk wee saye recd 56li 18s. 10d

p Robt Dicer
Henry Loades

Whereof there is found of this ten shillings in brass Money. the acquittance is wth Capt Garland Churchwarden:

December ye 26th 1659

Att a meeteing of the Members of the vestry of this pish this daye whose names are hereunder Written vpon takeing into consideracon the better repareing of their pish Church for future and findeing itt very necessarie that accompetent some should yearely bee raised vpon euery pticuler Pewe as well in the Galleries as in the body of the Church & for the better discouery of itt haue this daye ordered that William Bissaker their pish Clarke doe bring into the next meeteing in the vestry A full accompt of all pews & wth all what somes formerly haue beene raised or sett vpon ye pishionrs Sitting in such pews.

And att the same meeteing itt was then alsoe agreed that whereas of late there hath beene severall repares made by the present Churchwardens of this pish in and about the pish Church & Chancell And that att this daye there is due to severall workemen as by severall bills pduced for worke don thirty two poundes fourteene shillings & five pence, whereof seven poundes six shillings & nyne pence is for worke done about the roofe of the Chancell And whereas there is due from ye present & former Churchwardens the some of seven poundes & ten shillings for the

pewe they sitt in wthin the Chancell for seven yeares & halfe past they haue this daye thought fitt to order that the Churchwardens doe discharge the poore men whoe haue done the whole worke before menc̃oned & that the future charge of the Chancell shall be paied by the patron or incumbent from whome itt shall growe due from time to time

MAURICE THOMSON	JN^{o} LIMBERY
EDW: JOHNSON	WILL WILDEY
EDMOND GROUE	ROGER GARLAND
THOMAS GRIMLEY	WILLI WESTON
W ARCHER	E. KELING
JOHN WRIGHT	ROBT: HEMBRICKE
ABRAHAM GREAUES	

Aprill ye 23th 1660

Att a meeteing this daye in the vestry house by the Parishioners accordeing to their ancient Custome for ye Election of Churchwardens for this parish for the yeare ensueing wee the said Parishion^{rs} haue Elected the Gentlemen hereafter named to serve the office in the severall divisions of o^{r} said pish

In Ratcliff ...	Capt John Wills Capt Robert Land[1]	*Mr John Ormes* *Mr Samuell Bartlett*[3]
In Shadwell ...	Mr William Weston Mr Jesper Sketchar[2]	
In Lymehouse	Mr Abraham Graves	
In Myle end	Mr Nicholas ffordham	
In Popler ...	Mr William Mageck Mr Henry Johnson	

[1] William Land was admitted in fee of a copyhold as son and heir of Robert Land, deceased, May 22, 1662.—Stepney Court Rolls, i. 71-73; iv. 58.

[2] Jasper Sketcher, buried in 1679, at St. Paul's Church, Shadwell, where there was formerly a monument to his memory.—Strype's Stow.

[3] Samuel Bartlett, probably the goldsmith who, on October 22, 1649, was appointed assay master to the Mint. In 1652 his salary was £66 13s. 4d. per annum; but in 1660 he was called 'a violent fanatic, put in by the late insolent traitor, Bradshaw,' and was ejected from his office.—State Papers, Domestic, 1649, 1652, 1660, etc.

MAURICE THOMSON	THOMAS GRIMLEY
WILL WILDEY	JOSEPH COLLINS
ROGER GARLAND	E KELING
EDW: JOHNSON	JOHN: WRIGHT
THO HART	EDMOND GROUE
WILL THOMAS	JOHN WRIGHT:
JN° LIMBERY	THO LANCASTER
JOHN BURCHETT	THO: HARRISON
THO CUTLETT	JO: BEST,
JOHN MORE	

July ye 26th 1660

Att a meeteing of the Members of ye vestry this daye they haue thought fitt to require an Accompt of the severall Churchwardens of the divisions of this pish what Monies haue beene of late asseased in the pish for repare of the pish Church what haue beene receiued & disbursed for that vse & for the more speedy dispatch doe desire ye Churchwardens for time being to pcure the two next Justices of the peace to meete & require the accompt wth what convenient speed may bee—and that the Churchwardens would Certifye to the vestry att ye next meeteing what is done therevpon.

HENRY GLEED	ABRAHAM GREAUES }
WM GREAUES	NICHOLAS FFORDHAM }
JOSEPH COLLINS	ARTHUR BAILEY }
ROBERT HEMBRICKS	JO: BEST,
JOHN WILLS } Church-	THO: GRIMLEY
ROBERT LAND } wardens	EDW: THOMPSON
	ROGER GARLAND

19th of September 1660

Att a meeteing this daye itt was agreed by us whose names are hereunder written that Mr William Northey[1]

[1] William Northey, Esq., of Old Ford, steward of the manor 1654-1661; probably ejected then, as Timothy Stamp (p. 238) was steward till 1669, when Northey, who all along claimed the post, entered on it again.—Stepney Court Rolls; pedigree in Le Neve's Knights, pp. 478, 519.

Mr Maurice Thomson Mr John Limbrey Mr John Hoxton & Mr Edward Keeleing bee desired that they or any two or more of them doe treate wth all persons now interessed in the right of the Aduowson[1] of the vicaridge of the pish of Stepnie for the purchase of the same for ever in the name of ffeoffees in trust for the pish

JOHN WILLS Churchwarden	ROBERT WAKELIN[2]
ABRAHAM GREAUES	ARTHURE BAILEY
EDW: JOHNSON	SAMUELL TRUELOUE[3]
RICH READE	EDMOND GROUE
EDWARD ARLIBEAR	JO: BEST
WM GREAUES	ANTO: TUTCHEN
JNO HAWES	THO: CUTLETT
WILL WILDEY	EDW: THOMPSON
JOHN HARRIS	JAMES DENTIER
JOHN PRESTON	JOH DUCIE

February ye Seventh 1660

Att a Meeteing the said daye & yeare in the vestry house there being present the doctor together with the vestrymen whose names are hereunder Written Itt was then Mutually agreed that the Ancient Custome of this parish of Stepny concerneing the Calleing & holdeing of vestry Meeteings for

[1] This was a difficult request to execute: the patron of the vicarage was the rector, but there was none: the appointment of rector rested with the lord of the manor, but the manor was sequestrated and its affairs in hopeless confusion.

[2] Robert Wakelin, rope merchant, of Ratcliffe, was buried in Stepney in 1679, and Mary, his wife, in 1681.—Strype's Stow; Stepney Registers.

[3] Samuel Truelove, mariner, of Wapping Wall, and later of Whitehorse Street, a man of some position, owner of considerable property, and a strong supporter of Stepney Meeting. He and his wife were admitted members in 1655. He was nominated deacon October 20, 1657, and at his death, September, 1661, he left his property at the corner of Whitehorse Lane and Salmon's Lane to his grandson nominally, but practically to his trustees, William Greenhill, Isaac Grey, and Benjamin Andrews. The bequest was seized by the King and granted to one of his courtiers, Phillips by name; but he gave it back to its rightful owner, and on April 16, 1667, Samuel Thomas (the grandson) was dead, and Greenhill and Andrews, the surviving trustees, were admitted to the property, where the almshouses were built, and later, the burial-ground annexed and opened.—Jones' Early Days of Stepney Meeting; Stepney Court Rolls, i. 91; iv. 39; v. 184; State Papers, Domestic, 1649-52.

ye better carrieing on of a good gouerment in this pish bee att all times hereafter continued & Ratified by the vestry accordeing to the Ancient Orders & Rules before Written in this booke.

Itt is alsoe propounded att this vestry That there might bee enterteyned one fitt Orthodox and able Minister to bee the publique Lecturer in this pish Church to preach in the afternoone on ye Saboth daye & vpon every thursdaye weekely in the afternoone att the good likeing of the Vestry and to bee provided for by the Parish in Generall.

The Doctor approveing of this proposition doth condescend that such a fitt person being chosen by ye pishion^rs & offered to him hee shall freely consent to the Exercise of a Lecturers paines in this place att the times aforesd & shall giue noe interruption to him in that imployment.

EMM: VTYE[1] D.D	THOMAS GRIMLEY
Vicar	EDWARD ARLIBEAR
ROBERT LAND	WM GREAUES
WILL THOMAS	JO: BEST
EDMOND GROUE	MAURICE THOMSON
JOH DUCIE	ABRAHAM GREAUES
THO HART	Churchwardens
JOHN: WRIGHT	E. KELING
JOHN WRIGHT	W ARCHER
JN^o LIMBARY	THO EWEN
NICHOLAS FFORDHAM	THO. HARRISON
WILLI WESTON	JOHN BURCHETT
JASPER SKACHAR	JAMES DENTIER
EDW: JOHNSON	JN^o HAWES
JO WINTERBORNE	

[1] Emmanuel Utye, D.D., was appointed vicar of Chigwell, Essex, on January 31, 1615. Being an earnest and consistent Churchman he naturally incurred the enmity of the Puritan party, who, in 1641, petitioned for his removal, and finally procured his ejectment. Among other things he was charged with having erected an altar in the church, and having used offensive bowing and cringing; with having kissed the altar twice in one day; having read the prayers with his face to the altar and his back to the people; and various other allegations of a like nature. At the Restoration his cure was restored to him, and the Earl of Cleveland

ffebruary ye 21th 1660

Att a meeteing this daye in the vestry house in ꝑsuance of their former Order of ye 7th instant concerneing ye nominacõn of a lecturer to preach in this ꝑish Church on Sundayes & Thursdayes in the afternoone weekely & alsoe for raiseing of a Mayntenance for such fitt ꝑson soe to bee chosen The Vestry then present did think fitt that the some of One hundred poundes bee yearely raised in the severall divisions of this ꝑish for y^t purpose And they did then nominate two Gentlemen, Mr Parker[1] & Mr Richard Hinchman[2] bee the two Ministers desired to preach in this ꝑish Church on the two next Sundayes in the afternoone for approbacõn

JOHN WILLS	EDW: JOHNSON
WILL̃I WESTON	EDMOND GROUE
ROBERT LAND	E: KELING
ABRAHAM GREAUES	ANT^o: TUTCHEN
JASPER SKACHAR	JOHN PROWD
NICHO FORDHAM	WM GREAUES
ROGER GARLAND	THO EWEN
THO: GRIMLEY	THO. HARRISON
JOSEPH COLLINS	WILL̃ THOMAS
W ARCHER	

Aprill the 2^d 1661

Att a meeteing this daye of the Members of the vestry Occasioned by a letter sent from the Chancello^r of London

presented him to Stepney: six months later a rival claimant appeared (see list), but on April 8, 1661, he was confirmed in the vicarage. He, however, did not long survive his prosperity; within a few months of his preferment he died, and was buried at Stepney on September 2, 1661, leaving a wife, named Susan.—Information from J. Challenor Smith, Esq.; Newcourt; Lysons' Environs, iv. 124; Stepney Registers; State Papers, Domestic, 1660-1.

[1] One Thos. Parker was Rector of St. Andrew Hubbard, May 30, 1659.—Communicated from the Bishop's Registry by the Rev. G. Hennessy.

[2] Mr. Richard Hinchman, probably the same as Richard Henchman, nephew of Humphrey Henchman, Bishop of London, who was Vicar of Chigwell, Essex, succeeding Emmanuel Utye there (p. 233), 1661; of Christ Church, Newgate, 1662; Prebendary of Neasden, of St. Pancras, and treasurer of St. Paul's Cathedral till his death, March 11, 167½.—Communicated from the Bishop's Registry by the Rev. G. Hennessy.

directed to the Churchwardens of this pish concerneing the restoreing of William Culham[1] to the office of Sexton itt is agreed that a letter bee drawne vpp in answere to that receiued from the Chancellor And that itt bee delivered to him by the Churchwardens in the name and as the answere of Vestry

Vpon a motion made concerneing the choyce of a lecturor accordeing to an Order of the Seventh of ffebruary last Itt was thought fitt & agreed that Mr Richard Hinchman bee desired to preach in this pish Church the next lords daye in the afternoone & that two of the Churchwardens would acquainte the vicar hereof.

Att the same meeteing Mr Thomas Westwood of Spitle feilds was presented & made Choyce of to bee one of the Members of this Vestry for ye diuision of Myle end.,

JOHN WILLS	WILLI WESTO(N)
ROBERT LAND	E KELING
JOH DUCIE	EDW: JOHNSON
W ARCHER	EDMOND GROUE
RICH READE	THO: HARRISON
ROGER GARLAND	THO: GRIMLEY
EDW THOMPSON	EDWARD ARLIBEAR
ABRAHAM GREAUES } Church-	JAMES DENTIER
NICHOLAS FFORDHAM } wardens	JOHN WRIGHT

Aprill ye 15th 1661

Att a meeteing this daye in the vestry house by the pishionrs accordeing to their ancient Custome for ye Electing of Churchwardens for this pish for ye yeare ensueing the Gentlemen

[1] The last appearance of William Culham after a chequered career as sexton. He succeeded to the post on Purser's resignation, and after he had been 'for divers years sexton,' he was confirmed in the post by the bishop December 10, 1625. Complaints were made of his conduct in 1643 and in 1647. Seven years later he was given a year's further trial, but only six weeks of it passed before he was turned out and Tivell appointed to succeed him. The present attempt to restore him seems to have failed, and he died in 1666, and was buried November 20. His wife predeceased him, and was buried March 29, 1648.—Stepney Registers and Minutes; Vicar-General's Book, 13, p. 166.

hereinafter named were freely elected for ye said office by us whose names are hereunto Subscribed

In Ratcliff ...	Capt Robt Land Maior William Archer	To serue ye office of Churchwardens for ye yeare ensueing
In Shadwell ...	Mr Jesper Sketcher Mr Robert Hooker[1]	
In Lymehouse	Mr Abraham Graues Mr John Severne[2]	
In Myle end	Mr Nicholas ffordham	
In Popler & Blackwall	Mr Henry Johnson Mr Anthony Tutchin	

EMM: VTYE. D.D. Vicar	THO EWEN
MAURICE THOMSON	WM GREAUES
JOHN WILLS	WILLI WESTON
WILL THOMAS	EDW: JOHNSON
THO: GRIMLEY	EDMOND GROUE
JOH DUCIE	JOHN: WRIGHT
EDW: THOMPSON	JOHN BURCHETT
JOSEPH COLLINS	JN^o^ HAWES
	JOHN WRIGHT

Aprill ye 15th 1661

Att a meeteing this daye of the Members of the vestry itt was then agreed that the some of sixty pounds bee raised in the severall diuisions of the pish of Stepny for & towards the necessary repare of the pish Church & for setting vpp the Kings Armes & the ten Comandements & alsoe for dischargeing Sixe poundes & ten shillings to the High Constable for the vse of the Hospitalls, Kings bench & Maymed Souldiers

[1] Mr. Robert Hooker was tenant of the Mercers' land in Ratcliffe.—Court Roll of April 15, 1656.

[2] John Seaverne, mariner, of Limehouse, owned land in Robin Hood Lane, Poplar. He was buried August 23, 1669, and his son Roger succeeded to his land there.—Stepney Registers and Court Rolls, vii. 9.

That is to saie in Ratcliff, Eleven pounds five shillings, in Shadwell, Eleven pounds five shillings, in lymehouse, fifteene pounds, in Myle end, Bednell greane & Spitle feilds, fifteene pounds & in Popler & Blackwall Seven pounds ten shillings.

MAURICE THOMSON	JASPER SKACHAR
EDW JOHNSON	JOHN: WRIGHT
JOHN BURCHETT	EDMOND GROUE
WILL THOMAS	WLLI WESTON
WM GREAUES	JOHN WILLS
THOMAS GRIMLEY	JOSEPH COLLINS
JOH DUCIE	THO EWEN
ROBERT LAND	THOMAS DENTIER
ABRAHAM GREAUES	

May ye 7th 1661

There haveing beene two Orthodox & able Ministers to witt, Mr Richard Hinchman & M^r (*blank*) Parker heretofore in Nominacon for ye duty of a Lecturor in this pish Church accordeing to the Order of ye vestry dated the seventh of ffebruary last Wee the Inhabitants being this daye Mett in the vestry house doe think fitt & vnanimously agree that both the said Mr Richard Hinchman & the said M^r (*blank*) Parker bee offered to ye Lord Bishop of London prayeing his Lord^p: to giue confirmacon to that person for that dutie Whome his Lord^p: shall iudge fitt for the same

JO: HOXTON	ROBERT LAND	Church-wardens
E. KELING	ABRAHAM GREAUES	
THO. HARRISON	JASPER SKACHER	
JOHN WILLS	W ARCHER	
HENRY GLEED	JN^o: SEUENE	
JOHN: WRIGHT	ROBERT HOOKER	
EDMOND GROUE	WM GREAUES	
THO EWEN	RICHARD HOLLMAN	
JOHN BURCHETT		

May ye 7th 1661

Att ye Vestry held this daye ye Number of their Vestrymen in the Severall diuisions hereafter menconed were ordered to bee incerted & named as followeth

In Ratcliff

John Hoxton Esqr
Capt Edward Johnson
Capt Edmund Groue
Capt Thomas Harison
Capt William Wildye
Mr John Ducie
Ma^r William Archer
Mr William Thomas
Capt Phillip ffoster[2] [3]
Josias Best

In Lymehouse

John Limbery Esq *decd*
Mr —— Marsh[1] *Esq*
Edward Keeling
William Graues
Thomas Ewin
Abraham Graues
John Severne.
Thomas Darling[4]
Thomas Woodfin[5]
Robert Wilkinson[6]
Richard Hollman

Thus far was entred that daye

In Shadwell

Mr Edward Arlabeare
Mr John Moore

In Myle end

Maurice Thomson
Timothy Stamp[7] Esq

[1] Sir George March, of the Tower of London, J.P. According to the Middlesex County Records he appears to have taken an active part in suppressing 'unlawful conventicles' in the Tower Hamlets. He was buried at Stepney on November 22, 1673.—Stepney Registers; Middlesex County Records.

[2] Captain Foster, of the Commonwealth Navy.—Two of his naval engagements are recounted in Whitelock's Memorials, p. 582 (February 22, 1653).

[3] Captain Robert Land erased. [4] Thos. Cutlett erased. [5] Robert Hembricks erased.

[6] Captain Robert Wilkinson, from 1653 to February, 165$\frac{8}{9}$, was, in command of the *Weymouth* pink, busy on the East Coast—fighting the Dutch, pressing seamen, and conveying provisions to Scotland. He then changed into the *Satisfaction*, and after some more of his old work, was sent (August, 1660) to Newfoundland to convoy home the fleet. They reached Plymouth in October, and a break in his history occurs, till in 1665 he is found in command of the *Great Charity*, and September 22 was a prisoner in Holland and to be exchanged. After this experience he seems to have settled down to domestic life. He was reeve of the manor in 1668, and the following year he died. By his will, dated June 20, 1667, he left hand in Whitehorse Street to his wife, Margaret, for her widowhood, with reversion to his sisters and their children. She married Henry Abbott, and the property came to the latter October 13, 1669.—State Papers, Domestic, 1653-65; Stepney Court Rolls, especially vol. vi.

[7] Timothy Stampe was steward of the manor before Northey (p. 231), and resumed the post at the Restoration, and held it till 1669. He was a J.P., and unpopular with some, for

(*In Shadwell*)	(*In Myle end*)
Mr John Burchett	Mr James Denteire
Mr John Wright	Capt Roger Garland
Mr John Winterbourne	Mr Joseph Collins
Mr Henry Gleade	Mr John Hawes
Mr William Weston	Mr John Proude
Mr Arthur Baylie	Mr John Wright
Mr Jesper Sketcher	Mr Samuell Reeve
Mr Robert Hooker	Mr Thomas Westwood[1]

Popler & Blackwall

Mr John West
Mr Edward Steevens
Mr William Heade
Capt John Swanley
Capt Anthony Tutchin
Mr Henry Johnson
Capt Thomas Harman
Mr Randall Rudd
Mr William Magieck
Mr Isaack Jackson[2]

January ye 15th 1661

Att a meeteing this daye in the vestry house itt was then Ordered that their Members in each diuision bee fairely Written as followeth

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Thomas and Francis Bearne had to answer before him for saying that 'Justice Stampe deserved to stand in the pillory,' and that they hoped to see him hanged, and likewise for disturbing the curate of Stepney in reading of divine service the last fast day. He also fell under the displeasure of Parliament, who granted his chambers in the Temple to Mr. Hill, April 20, 1646.—Stepney Court Rolls, i. 162, etc.; Middlesex County Records, ii.; Whitelock's Memorials, p. 201.

[1] Grimley erased, see p. 240.

[2] Isaac Jackson, of Stepney, silk thrower, widower, had licence, on June 7, 1679, to marry Margaret Washington.—Chester's Marriage Licences.

In Ratcliff

John Hoxton Esqr
Capt Edward Johnson
Capt Edmund Grove
Capt Thomas Harrison
Capt William Wildye
Mr John Ducie
Maio^{r} William Archer
Capt William Thomas
Capt Phillip ffoster
Mr Josias Best

In Lymehouse

George Marsh Esqr
Mr Edward Keeleing
Mr William Graues
Capt Thomas Ewin
Mr Abraham Graues
Mr John Seaverne
Mr Thomas Darling
Mr Thomas Woodfin
Capt Robert Wilkinson
Capt Richard Hollman

In Shadwell

Mr Edward Arlabeare
Mr John Moore
Mr John Burchett
Mr John Wright
Mr John Winterbourne
Mr Henry Gleade
Mr William Weston
Mr Arthur Baylie
Mr Jesper Sketcher
Mr Robert Hooker

In Myle end &c:

Maurice Thomson } Esq^{rs}
Timothy Stamp }
Mr James Denteire
Capt Roger Garland
Mr Joseph Collins
Mr John Hawes
Capt John Proude
Mr John Wright
Mr Samuell Reeve
Mr Thomas Grimley[1]

Popler & Blackwall

Mr John West
Mr Edward Steevens
Mr William Heade
Capt John Swanley
Capt Anthony Tutchin
Mr Henry Johnson
Capt Thomas Harman
Mr Randall Rudd
Mr William Magecke
Mr Isaack Jackson.

[1] Westwood erased.

Januarie ye 15th 1661

Alsoe att ye Meeteing of the Members of ye Vestry the said daie & yeare itt was Ordered as followeth

That the Churchwardens for time being doe speedily repare to the next Justices of the peace for this County to desire their confirmacon of the seuerall books of rates made for & towards repare of the pish Church & in case ye Justices shall refuse to signe such confirmacon That then the Churchwardens should apply themselues to Dcor Chaworth, Chancello^r to the Lord Bishop of London for his aduise therein

That William Bisaker pish Clerke doe prepare a peticon to bee presented to the next Sessions of the peace for this County for settling a watch att Stepny & for buildeing a watch house in some convenient place for that purpose & that the same may bee defrayed att the Charge of the pish in Generall

Ordered further that all Monies Collected in this pish in the severall diuisions vpon the Kings Maties letters Pattents for setting vpp a fishing trade in this nation bee brought into the next Vestry to the end the same may bee paid in one Intyre payment accordeing to the letter of the Pattent

Ordered likewise for settlement of the Almes houses att Myle end green,[1] that the agreement of the Churchwardens for time being bee recorded in this booke, and that their diuision of the Roomes there by consent bee reserued to the pticuler vse of the Hambletts & places herein after menconed

That is to saie the Sixe Westermost roomes of the said Almes house to bee & remaine to & for the vse of such poore psons w^th^in the donors Capacity as shall from time to time bee presented from Ratcliff, Shadwell & Popler accordeing to equall pportion as they shall become voyde

And that the other sixe Eastermost roomes in the sd Almes

[1] See p. 168.

house remaine & bee to & for the vse of such like poore ꝑsons wthin the Capacity aforesd as shall from time to time bee presented from Lymehouse Myle end, Bednall greene & Spitlefeilds accordeing to ꝑportion as the same shall become voyde

Aprill ye first Anno dñi 1662

Att a vestry holden in ye Vestry house ye daye & yeare aforesaid accordeing to an auncient Custome for the choyce of Churchwardens for the yeare ensueing the ꝑsons hereafter named had a free election That is to say

for Ratcliff	Ma^{r} William Archer
for Shadwell	Mr Robert Hooker
for lymehouse	Mr John Seaverne
for Myle: end	Timothy Stampe Esqr
for Spitlefeilds	Mr Samuell Reeve
for Popler	Mr Isaack Jackson

JOHN WILLS	Wm CLARKE[1] Vicar Ibid
ROGER GARLAND	JOHN: SWANLEY
WILL THOMAS	JAMES DENTIER
THOMAS DARLING	E: KELING
PHILLIP FFOSTER	EDMOND GROUE
JOHN WEST	EDWARD ARLIBEAR
ABRAHAM GREAUES	THO: GRIMLEY
HENRY JOHNSON	JN^{o} HAWES
ANT^{o}: TUTCHEN	EDW THOMPSON

[*The first vol. of MS. ends here.*]

[1] William Clarke, D.D., born in humble circumstances, was admitted to Christ's Hospital, May 25, 1597, by a 'bill' from the parish of All Hallows the Great, which describes him as being then two years of age, 'sonne of Thomas Clarke, deceased.' At this foundation he became a 'Grecian,' and in 1613 proceeded to Peterhouse, Cambridge. Upon the death of Emmanuel Utye he was appointed (August 31, 1661) to the vicarage of Stepney, and on February 1, 1665, was installed Dean of Winchester in succession to Alexander Hyde, who had been advanced to the See of Sarum. In 1671 he desired to be excused from accepting the Bishopric of Bristol because the least of his preferments, the deanery, the parsonage of Stepney or another that he had, was better than that Bishopric. He died at St. Giles-in-the-Fields in 1679, possessed of a considerable estate at Tillingham, in Essex, which he left for the augmentation of ten small livings. — Information from E. R. Goodrich, Esq.; Christ's Hospital School Registers; Newcourt; Woodward's History of Hampshire; Trollope's History of Christ's Hospital; Will at Somerset House; Hist. MS. Com., Report VII., 489.

A TRUE TRANSCRIPT or coppie of the Instrument passed betweene the Right Reverend ffather in god Gilbert Lord Bishop of London and the Vicar, Churchwardens & parishion^{rs} of the pish of Stepnie in the County of Middlesex, for the establisheing of a Vestrie & Vestriemen in the said Parish with the Limitacon & order in the said vestrie to be kept &c., as followeth (vizt)

GILBERT BY Y^{E} PROUIDENCE OF GOD Bishop of London To the Vicar, Churchwardens and Parishion^{rs} of the parish of Stepnie als Stebunheath in the County of Middlesex and of our diocese and Jurisdiccon of London, sendeth Greeteing in our Lord God everlasting Whereas Peticon hath beene made vnto us by the Churchwardens and principall Inhabitants of your parish by & with the consent & Concurrence of Doctor William Clarke yor: Vicar there: That by reason of the Vast Number of Inhabitants the publique Business of the said parish cannot be orderly dispatched by Generall Assemblies; And that therevpon dureing the late troubles a certaine Number of the said Inhabitants in behalfe of the whole have beene necessitated to vndertake the business of ye said parish without such orderly Episcopal Comission, as hath beene heretofore granted by us and o^{r} Predecesso^{rs} in the like Cases By reason Whereof many persons of Ability & fidelity amongst you haue and doe forbeare to intermeddle without due Authority for a setled or select Vestry derived from us Which is not possible to be Chosen by a popular election in soe vast a parish, And therefore haue humbly prayed that wee takeing your present necesities into our Consideracon would be pleased (accordeing to the practice of our selves and predecessors, in that and other Churches and parishes within our diocess) to appoint you a select Vestry consisteing of such a sufficient Number of able, honest and substantiall persons within your parish as to us should seeme meete and requisite Wherevpon wee the Bishop aforesaid duely Considereing this yor peticon and findeing that it doth

tend to the peace quiett & good of your Church and parish To the ende that you may be both induced to and encouraged in a fitt Conformitie to the order and Government established both in Church & State and the rather incited to some good Acts of pietie and Charity within your said parish Haue by & with the consent of the Right Worshipfull Richard Chaworth Doctor of Lawes our Chancellor, approved Ratified allowed and Confirmed and by these presents (as farr as by the Lawes Ecclesiasticall of this Realme or Temporall Lawes of the same wee can or may) Doe approve, ratifie, and confirme the same, And in pursuance of your said Petiĉon have and doe nominate and appointe ye R^t Wor^ll William Clarke Doctor of Divinity Vicar of your said parish Church of Stepney and his successors together with the Churchwardens there for the time being, and alsoe ffourty and foure more of the most able and substantiall Inhabitants out of yor severall Hambletts and diuisions, and as wee conceive ffittest for that trust and Employment (Viz^t) Sr Wm Rider[1] Knight, Timothy Stampe, and Paul

[1] Sir William Rider, J.P., Deputy Master of the Trinity House and Commissioner for Tangier, was knighted on March 12, 1660-1, and on June 1 of the same year he purchased the mansion on Bethnal Green, popularly known as the 'Blind Beggar's Palace,' upon the site of which is now a lunatic asylum. Pepys, who was upon very intimate terms with the knight, gives an interesting account of a visit to his residence: 'By coach to Bednall Green to Sir W. Rider's to dinner. A fine merry walk with the ladies alone after dinner in the garden; the greatest quantities of strawberries I ever saw, and good. . . . This very house was built by the Blind Beggar of Bednall Green, so much talked of in ballads' (Diary, June 26, 1663). During the Great Fire his city friends used his house as a warehouse for their goods and chattels, much to his disgust. Pepys relates that 'about four o'clock in the morning, my Lady Batten sent me a cart to carry away all my money and plate and best things, which I did, riding myself in my nightgown in the cart; and, Lord! to see how the streets and highways are crowded with people running and riding, and getting of carts at any rate to fetch away things. I find Sir W. Rider tired with being called up all night and receiving things from several friends.' From the Restoration until his death in 1669 he was a person of much importance in Naval affairs, and appears to have possessed an ample fortune. On December 6, 1666, he obtained a licence from the Lord of the Manor to drive in his coach across Mile End Common when on his way to Stepney Church. He married Priscilla, daughter and co-heiress of Captain Roger Twedy, and died at Bethnal Green on August 30, 1669 (according to Le Neve, was buried on September 9, at St. Andrew Undershaft). By his will, which is dated June 9, 1668, it appears that he left two sons, Thomas and William Rider, and two married daughters (Elizabeth, wife of Richard Middleton, and Priscilla, wife of Richard Bayley), and three unmarried daughters (Mary, Anne, and Martha). Mention is also made of his sister, Joane Crowther, and her eight children.—Stepney Court Rolls, *v.* 165; iii. 178, 179; Pepys' Diary; Will at Somerset House; Le Neve's Pedigrees of Knights.

Tracie[1] Esq^{rs} Mr Robert Stainer, Mr Samuell Reeve, Mr Joseph Collins, Mr James Denteire, Mr Wm Curtis,[2] Mr Thomas Grimley, Mr John Jenney, Mr John Prowd and Mr Roger Garland within the divisions or Hambletts of Mile end and Spittlefeildes:

Captaine Richard Longman, Capt Phillip ffoster, Doctor (*a blank*) Doleman, Mr Wm Thomas, Mr Thomas Harrison, Mr Edmund Grove, Mr Robert Browne & Mr Richard Rookes within the division or Hamblett of Ratcliff,

Mr John West, Mr John Swanley, Mr Thomas Harman, Mr Henry Hall,[3] Mr Isaac Jackson, Mr George Carter,[4] Mr Henry Johnson, & Mr Randall Rudd ffor the division or Hamblett of Popler & Blackwall,

George Marsh Esq, Mr Thomas Ewen, Mr John Severne, Mr Thomas Gwines,[5] Mr William Greaves, Mr John Brewster, Mr Robert Wilkinson & Mr John Gosnoll[6] for the division or Hamblett of Limehouse,

Mr Benjamin Gunnell, Mr George Bittenham, Mr John

[1] Paul Tracie or Tracey, grandson of Sir Paul Tracey, of Stanway, co. Gloucester, Knight and Baronet, married Katherine, daughter of Ralph Briscoe, of Barnet, co. Herts. He was appointed Headborough of Mile End in 1658, but a later entry in the Court Rolls describes him as 'of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.'—Dethick's Visitation of Middlesex, 1663; Court Rolls of the Manor.

[2] Captain William Curtis, of the E. I. Company's service, died in 1669, and was buried in the Old Chapel at Poplar, where he was thus commemorated in doggerel:

> 'Who in this life fifty years did stand,
> And to East India did bear command;
> Who in this life kept not fast the door,
> And afterwards provided for the poor
> Sixty pounds per annum for ever.'

Out of this sum Poplar was to receive £8 for bread for the poor, £6 for apprenticing poor children, 20s. for the chaplain to preach a sermon on the first Thursday in each July, and £24 was to be appropriated every other year for the release of poor prisoners.—Lysons' Environs, iii. 464, 466, 471, 487.

[3] Henry Hall, probably the son of Captain Henry Hall (p. 166), who succeeded to his father's property in 1659.—Stepney Court Rolls, iii. 25.

[4] Mr. George Carter was buried at Poplar, June 13, 1673.—Stepney Registers.

[5] Thomas Gwynes, mariner, of Nightingale Lane, Limehouse, owner of property there.—Stepney Court Rolls, ii. 4; iii. 27.

[6] Captain John Gosnoll, mariner, of Limehouse, in the maritime service of the E.I.C. In August, 1656, he, in an East Indiaman of great value bound for London, was convoyed from Plymouth to Portsmouth. He was buried May 20, 1665.—State Papers, Domestic, 1656; Stepney Registers.

Staine, Mr Samuell Hill,[1] Mr Richard Stiles,[2] Mr Thomas Bowdler, Mr Nicholas Cowell, and Mr William Wills, within the division or Hamblett of Shadwell, All able and substantiall persons of peaceable Conversacon and obedient to the orders and Government of the Church established and of whome divers haue borne the office of Constable, Churchwarden & other offices within your said Parish, They only and every of them, and none others to be Vestrymen there for the directeing Ordereing and Manageing of all such thinges as belong to your said Church & Parish, & are to be done by the parishioners of the same. And they only or the Majo^r part of them, Whoe shall meete vpon publique notice given to such purpose on the sunday next before the said intended Vestry to intermeddle with, order, and determine by and with the consent of the Vicar there for the time being all such Busines and Affaires as concerne the said Church and Parish and are to be done & performed by the Vestrymen of the same And that as any of them shall hapen to decay remove out of ye Parish depart this life, or become Scandalous by drunkeness Whoredome or other evill life or gross Misdemeano^r or otherwise vnfitt for that society or business (whereof there shall first be a Presentment made to us, our Chancellor or into our principall Registry) to expell and amove such, And wee will and decree by theise Presents That such others of the better sort of the said parishioners w^thin the respective divisions aforesaid as are grave, honest, and substantiall fitt for the same place, may be Chosen to succeed them by the Vicar there for the time being, & Majo^r part of the said vestrymen that shall meete as aforesaid in his or their Roome soe dyeing, removeing, decayeing or becomeing Scandalous or other wayes vnfitt, and to doe execute & performe all other things belongeing to Vestrymen

[1] Samuel Hill, of St. Giles's, Cripplegate, married Mary Musten, of Stepney, June 17, 1647.—Stepney Registers.

[2] Richard Stiles, of Ratcliffe, carver, married Mary Partridge, of Wapping, maid, September 3, 1663.—Stepney Registers.

for the good & benefitt of the said Church, and for the better ordereing and governeing of such Affaires as belong to yor said Parish and Church wth theis Limitacõns ffolloweing (Viz^t)

That they doe not att any time nor for any occasion presume to call before them any Minister, preacher, or Curate whoe shall be comõrant within their said parish before them to their vestry or Meeteings to be questioned with at all, but shall leave them and their Causes Wholly to the Calleing, Heareing, ordereing and Censureing of the Ecclesiasticall or Temporall Magistrate, against Whome if they have any Complainte They shall informe the said Magistrate according as the Nature, and quality of the Cause shall be, and shall Minister occasion; Further that they shall not any way in their Vestry or Meeteings intermeddle with the Churchwardens & Sidemens office concerneing the makeing of their Bills of Presentment, which they are vpon their oathes to deliver vpp into the Ecclesiasticall Court, Nor shall in their sd vestry question with them about any thing which they are to present or shall present (Except it bee to informe them of any abuse worthy & fitt to be presented) But shall suffer the said Churchwardens and Swornemen freely without their seekeing to be made privie to any of their Presentments, to discharge their consciences and duties accordeing to their oathes. Neither shall the said vestrymen take vpon them to call before them to their said vestry any parties Whome the Churchwardens are by their oathes to present to take any Accompt of the Churchwardens or sidemen, or of the parties Whoe are to be presented of the causes & Suspitions vpon Which they may be presented. Besides they are not hereby authorized, but shall wholly forbear to call before them att their Vestry any person to heare or intermeddle with any Cause, Matter, and Cryme Presentment or offence determinable, punishable or being of Eccleõicall Cognizance, either begun to be called in Question

or presented, heard, ordered, Censured or decreed in any Ecclesiasticall Court to be heard, ordered or Censured But shall forbear at their vestry meeteings any way to intermeddle in any of the premisses, as noewaies belongeing vnto them but to the Ecclesiasticall Cognizance & Court, And if they shall intermeddle att any of their vestry meeteings in any matter contrary to the Limitacons aforesaid concerneing Ecclesiasticall persons Causes or Matters, Then this Allowance of their Vestry concerneing Church Matters & Authority herein granted to bee meerely Voide as if itt had never beene Granted Prouided that there shall noe vestry be holden, or Meeteing for such business as afore appointed to be holden or kept, But by order & Consent of the Vicar for the time being, nor without publique warning giuen thereof in the said parish Church vpon the sunday next before the said intended Vestry as aforesaid And if they shall meete, agree, order & conclude any thing contrary to the premisses Wee will & pronounce that such their meeteings Agreements orders & conclusions shall bee (ipso facto) voyde & of none effect, as if noe Authority had been granted, nor noe consent Agreement or order beene made or noe meeteing at all bine. In Witnes Whereof wee haue Caused the seale of our said Chancellor (which wee vse in this behalf) to be sett to theis presents, Dated the five & Twentieth day of the moneth of September in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred sixty two, And in the second yeare of our Consecration

RICH CHAWORTH RI: BUTLER Reg^{rius}:

APPENDIX.

I. ABSTRACT OF WILLS.

P. 14.—Will of John Matthew, citizen and Merchant Tailor of London, made 25th November, 1560: My loving friends, Mr. Birch, one of the Barons of the Exchequer, Hugh Stukly, gentleman, Ipolito Lynnet, of Hackney, co. Middlesex, and Robert Hulson, citizen and Merchant Tailor, of London, appointed executors and trustees of this my last will. I will and devise to the poor people dwelling as is hereafter named, 40s. yearly: To the parish of S. Michael, Cornhill, where I am now a parishioner, 40s.; to S. Laurence, Old Jury, where I was late a parishioner, 40s.; and to the parishes of Stebunheath and Hackney 40s. each yearly, and to the churchwardens of each of foresaid parishes 3s. 4d. for a drinking for their taking pains to see the said sums distributed. I will that at the end of twenty-one years all my freehold and copyhold lands, etc., go to Henry Weale, a son of Walter Weale, and Katherine Weale, my daughter, and the heirs male of his body, so long as he or they do pay the said sum of £8 13s. 4d.; but should he or they neglect to pay the said sum, or failing heirs male of his body, then I will that my will to him made shall be clearly void and of none effect, and I will and devise all my lands, etc., to the next heir male of the said Katherine, my daughter, now wife of William Crowder, citizen and Clothworker of London, upon like articles and conditions, and if the said Katherine, my daughter, die without leaving heirs male, or they her

heirs male, neglect to pay the said sum of £8 13s. 4d., then I will that all my lands, tenements, etc., etc., shall remain to the parson, vicar, and churchwardens of the said parish churches of S. Michael Cornhill, S. Laurence Old Jury, and the parish churches of Stebunheath and Hackney, for ever to be distributed among the poor in the said parishes. I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Weale, Grace Weale, Mary Weale, . . . Weale, children of my said daughter Katherine, £10 each. To my executors £10 a piece, and all my goods, implements, and household stuff in my house at Kingsland, in the parish of Hackney Should my wife Katherine and daughter fall into poverty my executors may at their discretion relieve them out of any surplus they may have in their hands. Will proved October 29, 1569.

P. 26.—The will of John Fuller, Esquire, of Bishopshall, in the parish of Stepney, in the county of Middlesex, made 29 March, 1592 : All my capital messuage, house, buildings, lands, tenements, profits, easements fishing, and commodities called Bishopshall unto Jane, my wife ; and I will that my wife and her heirs and assigns do after my decease build two Almshouses, the one in Stepney, Middlesex, for twelve poor single men of good name, of the age of fifty years or above, and the other of them in the parish of Shoreditch, Middlesex, for twelve poor widow women of good name, of the age of fifty years or above, and that she or they cause the same Almshouses to be duly incorporated, that they may have, receive, and enjoy lands, tenements, profits, rents, and hereditaments to the yearly value of £100 ; to this end I will that my wife, at or before her decease, shall devise or dispose to the said Almshouse of poor men a yearly rent charge of £50 yearly, and to the Almshouse for poor women a like sum yearly, the said rents to issue out of all those lands, etc., in the county of Lincoln, whereof before this time I have made assurance unto Sir Drew Drury, Knight, and others. I will that the

Almshouses be governed by eight of the most ancient persons of the Company of Mercers. I will all my messuages, lands, etc., in the parishes of St. Benet and St. Peter near Paul's Wharf, in the city of London, now or late in the several occupations of William Jnkins, Edward Drinkell, William Corden, Richard Askew, Mary Lorimer, widow, Peter Derrick, John Nicolls, John Collins, Richard Dawson, Elizabeth Taylor, widow, James Austen, or their assigns, Thomas Wade, John Ellis, Thomas Wrothe, Nicholas Collins, Frances Fuller, Jeffry Brock, William Dalby, Richard Burton, Richard Browne, John Humfry, Robert Glover, and Hugh Wollaston, gent., to and for the releasing and discharging of poor prisoners that now are or hereafter shall be in the Holes or Twopenny wards for the space of ten weeks in the two Compters within the city of London, so that it do not exceed the sum of £26 8s. for any one person at any one time. I will all my lands, etc., in Beach Lane and Whitecross Street, in the parish of St. Giles without Cripplegate, to Francis Fuller, gent. The residue to Jane, my wife, whom I make my sole executrix, with Frances Fuller and Jeffry Brock, overseers of this my last will. My reversion of a capital messuage, etc., in the pish of S. Benet Paul's Wharf, in the tenure of E'nego Jones, to my wife Jane, whom I require to pay yearly the sum of £5 yearly to William Fuller, son of James Fuller. CODICIL: I give to my cousin, Margaret Burton, £20, to be paid out of my second doubtful debt that my executrix shall receive. SECOND CODICIL, dated March 30, 1592: To my niece, Margaret Burton, wife of Richard Burton, £40, and do revoke the former legacy of £20.

II. A LIST OF THE RECTORS

RECTORS.

William ... ... *In* 1233

Stephen Seagrabe ... ... *About* 1315

(*Archbishop of Armagh*, 1322.)

Richard de Baldock ... ... *Before* 1325

Cardinal John Gaucelin ... ... Sept., 1336

(*Bishop of Albano.*)

William de Shrovesbury ... ... Feb. 13, 1343/4

Cardinal John Gaucelin ... ... *Confirmed* May 29, 1344

Richard de Saham ... ... *Ratified* Feb. 25, 1350/1

Robert Crull ... ... Nov. 18, 1368

Richard Kingston ... ... Jan. 9, 1405/6

(*on the death of predecessor.*)

Robert Rothebury ... ... Jan. , 1418/9

Exchange with

Robert Burton, S.T.D. ... ... Dec. 7, 1422

Exchange with

Marmaduke Lumley ... ... Nov. 12, 1427

(*Bishop of Carlisle*, 1430; *of Lincoln*, 1450; *died* 1451.)

John de Oprzis, S.T.P. ... ... April 18, 1430

William Daniell ... ... May 11, 1449, and Dec. 3, 1450

(*on the death of pr.*)

John Chedworth ... ...

Richard Lichfield, LL.D. ... ... Aug. 6, 1471

(*on the death of pr.*)

AND VICARS OF STEPNEY.

VICARS.

Richard de Norton ... ... April 5, 1326
John Nobrithe ... ...
Exchange with
James Pondrick ... ... July 26, 1334
Exchange with
John at Lee 1346
John de Swanesey ... . *Between* 1352 *and* 1363
Exchange with
John de Middleton ... ... Dec. 18, 1366
Thomas de Hengham ad Castra ... ...
Exchange with
Richard Betishall ... ... Jan. 28, 1368/9
John Burlee .. .. Aug. 13, 1372
(*on the resignation of predecessor.*)
Gilbert de Drayton ... .
Exchange with
Nicholas Dene ... ... April 16, 1380
John Frere ... ... Aug. 3, 1386
(*on the resignation of pr.*)
Nicholas Norton ... ... Feb. 11, 1427/8
(*do.*)
Henry Miles ... ... April , 1456
John Crecy, *or* Cressy ... ... May 13, 1461
(*do.*)
John Lee, S.T.P. ... ... July 28, 1471
(*on the death of pr. Exchange with*)
Richard Luke ... ... Dec. 16, 1473
Richard Fox, LL.B. ... ... Oct. 30, 1485
(*on the death of pr.*)
(*Bishop of Exeter*, 1487; *of Bath and Wells*, 1491; *of Durham*, 1494; *of Winchester*, 1500; *died* 1528.)
Walter Owdby ... ... Sept. 17, 1485
Edmund Latham, M.A. ... ... Nov. 5, 1498
(*on the death of pr.*)
John Mainwaring ... ... Oct. 13, 1499
(*do.*)
John Colet ... ...
(*Dean of St. Paul's*, 1504; *died* 1519.)
Walter Stone, LL.D. ... ... Sept. 21, 1505
(*on the resignation of pr.*)
Richard Pace ... ... May 12, 1519
(*on the death of pr.*)
(*Dean of St. Paul's*, 1519; *of Exeter*, 1522; *of Salisbury* (?); *died* 1536.)

RECTORS.

William Kempe ... ... Feb. 26, 1476/7

(*on the resignation of pr.*)

Richard Layton, LL.B. ... ... Dec. 23, 1522

(*do.*)

(*Dean of York*, 1539.)

Gabriel Donne, *or* Dunne ... ... Oct. 25, 1544

(*on the death of pr.*)

(*Late Abbot of Buckfastleigh.*)

Tristram Swadell ... ... Dec. 10, 1558

(*on the death of pr.*)

Nicholas Haspinall ... . May 30, 1562

(*on the deprivation of pr.*)

John Philpott ... ... Aug. 10, 1564

(*do.*)

Humphrey Cole, B.A. ... ... Oct. 16, 1579

(*on the death of pr.*)

Samuel Cottesford ... ... May 8, 1593

(*on the res. of pr.*)

John Hayward ... ... May 21, 1604

Walsingham Sherley ... ... Feb. 18, 1618/9

(*on the death of pr.*)

John Johnson, S.T.P. ... ... At the Restoration

Ralph Davenant, M.A. ... ... Jan. 28, 1668/9

(*on the deprivation of pr.*)

Thomas White, M.A. ... ... July 1, 1681

(*on the death of pr.*)

AND VICARS OF STEPNEY.

VICARS.

Richard Sampson, LL.D. ... ... June 18, 1527
(*on the res. of pr.*)
(*Dean of Windsor*, 1523; *of Lichfield*, 1532; *Bishop of Chichester and Dean of St. Paul's*, 1536; *Bishop of Lichfield*, 1543; *died* 1554.)

Miles Wyllen ... ... March 31, 1534
(*on the res. of pr.*)

Simon Heynes, S.T.P. ... ... Jan. 29, 1534/5
(*on the depr. of pr.*)
(*Dean of Exeter*, 1537; *died* 1552.)

William Jerome .. .. May 29, 1537
(*on the res. of pr. Burnt for heresy*, 1541.)

William Turges, S.T.B. ... ... Aug. 10, 1540
(*on the attainder of pr.*)

Henry Moore ... ... March 6, 1544/5
(*on the death of pr.*)
(*Late Abbot of St. Mary de Graces.*)

Thomas Dey ... ... Nov. 22. 1554
(*on the death of pr.*)

John Thomas ... ... May 29, 1555
Confirmed Sept. 21, 1577

Anthony Anderson ... ... Feb. 21, 1586/7
(*on the death of pr.*)

Samuel Cottesford ... Oct. 13, 1593, *confirmed* May 28, 1595
(*do.*)

Thomas Mountforde ... ... Feb. 2, 1593/4
(*to succeed Anderson, but Cottesford's self-appointment was upheld.*)

Edward Muns, M.A. ... ... March 16, 1597/8
(*on the res. of pr.*)

David English ... ... Aug. 22, 1603
(*on the death of pr. Exchange with*)

George Gouldman, S.T.B. ... ... Aug. 12, 1605

George Douglas, S.T.P. ... ... Jan. 22, 1633/4
(*on the death of pr.*)

William Stampe, M.A. ... ... Aug. 13, 1641
(*on the res. of pr.*)

Joshua Hoyle, S.T.P. } *not canonically instituted* { ... Aug. 9, 1645
William Greenhill } { ... June 2, 1654

Francis Horton ... ... Feb. 21, 1660
Grant revoked at once, and vicarage given to

Emmanuel Utye, S.T.P. ... ... April 8, 1661

William Clarke, S.T.P. ... ... March 18, 1661/2
Dean of Winchester (*on the death of pr.*)

John Wright, M.A. ... ... Oct. 4, 1679
(*do.*)

RECTORS.

AFTER THE UNION OF RECTORY AND VICARAGE.

John Wright, M.A. 1710

Late Vicar.

(*a*) Thomas Dodd, M.A. } (*on the death of pr.*) { ... Nov. 4, 1718
(*b*) James Finch, M.A. } { ... Nov. 17, 1718

(*a*) Thomas Dodd, M.A. ... ... *Confirmed* Jan. 10, 1718/9

(*b*) Benjamin Prichard ... ... Feb. 7, 1718/9

(*on the death of Finch.*)

(*b*) Henry Leche, M.A. ... ... June 22, 1727

(*on the death of Prichard.*)

(*a*) Herbert Prichard ... ... June 1, 1728

(*on the death of Dodd.*)

(*Become first Rector of Christ Church, Spitalfields.*)

(*a*) Robert Leybourne ... ... July 21, 1730

(*on the res. of Prichard.*)

(*b*) John Brookbank ... ... Dec. 4, 1742

(*on the death of Leche.*)

(*Become first Rector of St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green.*)

Robert Leybourne 1745

Sole Rector.

Ralph Cawley, M.A. ... ... Oct. 20, 1759

(*on the death of pr.*)

Giles Fairclough Haddon, D.D. ... ... April 19, 1771

(*on the res. of pr.*)

Robert Sandbach, M.A. ... ... June 18, 1785

(*on the death of pr.*)

Thomas Braithwaite, M.A. ... ... Jan. 10, 1789

(*do.*)

George Harper, D.D. ... ... May 27, 1801

(*do.*)

Thomas Barneby, B.D. ... ... Sept. 30, 1815

(*do.*)

Daniel Dawdrey, M.A. ... ... July 11, 1842

(*do.*)

Richard Lee, M.A. ... ... June 11, 1847

(*on the res. of pr.*)

Joseph Bardsley, M.A. ... ... Oct. 17, 1869

(*on the death of pr.*)

John Fenwick Ritto, M.A. ... ... Jan. 2, 1880

(*on the res. of pr.*)

Edwyn Hoskyns, M.A. ... ... June 20, 1886

(*do.*)

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(*b*) ,, ,, Ratcliffe }

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INTRODUCTION

TO

Gascoyne's Map of the Parish of Stepney (1703).

Up till Gascoyne's time information as to the streets and courts and fields of Stepney is somewhat scanty.

Anthony van den Wyngrerde's drawing of London in 1543 only gives a bird's-eye view, of which Stepney is the outskirts. Ralph Aggas, in Elizabeth's time, gives none of Stepney, so the earliest map of much value is a MS. one of the first few years of the seventeenth century, in the possession of the Worshipful Company of Mercers; but it only deals with their estates there, that is to say, with a comparatively small circle round the church as centre.

Fifty years later, besides Moor's interesting Map of Middlesex (1640-50), we have Faithorne's engraving (1658) of Newcourt's survey of London (1643-7), reproduced by George Jarman for A. E. Evans, 1857, and republished again by Stanford, 1878. This gives an excellent bird's-eye view, but not references, and it goes no further north than the church, and no further east than Limehouse.

Of the great number of maps of London that sprung up at the time of the Great Fire, few are sufficiently detailed, or sufficiently extended, to be of much local interest.

Most of them, if they include the eastern suburbs at all, draw either upon their imagination or upon Newcourt: Ogilby and Morgan's map, published in 1677, goes no further east than the Tower, and so is only valuable for a part of Spitalfields hamlet; but a subsequent map on a smaller scale, published by Morgan (before 1685), gives a great deal of most valuable information about the topography of the parish.

Like most of the maps of London it goes no further east than the Rogues Well, and northwards it takes in little more than the northern boundary of Spitalfields hamlet: but what is shown is very thorough. Many references are given, of which the greater part correspond with Gascoyne's, but the following are additional ones not shown in Gascoyne:

SPITALFIELDS.

1. Queen's Head Alley.
2. Sun Court.
3. Adam's Court.
4. Pye Corner.
8. Prince of Orange Alley.
11. Bell Alley.
12. Compass Alley.
13. Hanging-sword Alley.
14. Vine Yard.
15. Stephen's Alley.
16. Lamb Court.
17. Canterbury Court.
18. Bailie's Court.
20. Hare's Alley.

WAPPING.

107. Pear's Rents.
108. Butler's Alley.
109. Pump Yard.
125. Rope Alley
128. Bell Alley.
175. Back Alley.
179. Crown Street.
181. Three Colt Alley.

RATCLIFFE.

148. Star Yard.
149. Stone Yard.
151. Cooper's Yard.
152. Crown Court.
156. The Orchard.

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It also is valuable as giving the parishes of St. Paul's, Shadwell, and St. John's, Wapping, which are not in Gascoyne.

The map of Morden, Lea, and Browne, of 1700, is also of much interest, especially as it is the first that includes all the northern part of the parish, and even the south of Hackney: several other maps embody this information subsequently, as, *e.g.*, Covers and Mortier's map published at Amsterdam.

These are the chief of the predecessors of our map; those who wish to study the subject later still will find ample material in Rocque's surveys, 1745, etc.

Turning now to the map itself, the following extracts from the vestry minutes are interesting in connexion with its production:

May 4. 1702.

It was then ordered that Mr Vicar & the Churchwardens do inquire for some skillfull Geographer or Plattmaker to make a Draught of this pish & therein to describe both the Generall Bounds & also the Bounds of each Hamblett in perticular.

May 18. 1703.

It is ordered yt an Agreemt be made wth a Graver for the making a Copper Plate, for the Printing ye Map of ye Parish of Stepney, according to ye Survey made or to be made, by Mr Gascoyn. And yt the Churchwardens for ye time being do (cause) a Thousand Maps (more or less) to be Printed for ye use & benefit of ye sd Parish.

And whereas Capt Henry Nurse is so kind as to lend ye sum̄ of One Hundred Pounds for ye defraying ye Charge of ye said Plate and Survey, It is ordered ye Day & Year above written yt ye Church Revenues by Palls &c shalbe security for ye paymt of ye sd 100li: wth Interest for ye same.

Jan. 23. 1734.

Ordd that every Churchwarden if he pleases doe have a Parish Mapp when he has served Two year & that they shall not exceed the price of one Guinea each Mapp.

This survey formed the basis of the later parish maps, such as those published in various editions of Strype's Stow.

The scale is slightly altered in this reprint: in the original it is roughly 11 inches to the mile, but is here 12 inches to the mile.

The form of the map is also altered: the original consists of nine sheets, six of which show the larger part of the map and the main table of reference; a seventh sheet contains a picture of St. Dunstan, and records the parish authorities of that date, besides the names of the surveyor, Joel Gascoyne, and the engraver, John Harris. Two small slips complete the whole, containing (1) the table of reference for Bow, (2) the outlying northern boundary which just came outside the main sheet.

The whole map is now contained on three sheets; the seventh sheet described above is not reproduced, nor are the old tables of reference, for their place is taken by the new and more complete index, which here follows.

INDEX TO GASCOYNE'S MAP OF STEPNEY.

THREE kinds of type are used in this index to indicate different kinds of references.

1. Places entered in Roman type are those which are marked on the map only by a number. These were indexed by Gascoyne, under their hamlet and street, in numerical order.

In this (alphabetical) index the hamlet and street are still given (in a bracket), as well as the number, which must be looked for on the map in the square indicated.

N.B. R. = Ratcliffe. L. = Limehouse.
S. = Spitalfields. P. = Poplar.
M. E. = Mile End. B. G. = Bethnal Green.
W. = Wapping.

2. Places entered in **Clarendon** type are those which are marked on the map by their full name. These have not hitherto been indexed.

All the above must be looked for on sheet 1, which contains by far the greater part of the entries.

3. Places entered in SMALL CAPITALS are those which are marked in the map either by name or by number, but are to be found on sheet 2 or 3.

Entries marked with an asterisk are those which appear in Gascoyne's original index, but not in the reprint of it in Strype's Stow, edit. 1755.

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Fitch's, Lady, L. ... A. & B. 2, A. 3
Five foot Alley (Old Gravel L., W. 47)* ... B. 7
Fleet St. ... ... B. 3
Fleur-de-luce Alley (Wheeler St., S. 8) ... A. 3
Foster's, Sir Orig., L. ... E. 3 & 4
Four Swan Ct. (Back Lane, M. E. 3) ... C. 4
FOWLER'S YARD .. .. F. 7 & 8
Foxe's Rents (Peticoate Lane, S. 70)* ... A. 4
Frampton's L. ... ... E. 3 & 4, F. 3
Fraziers ... ... D. 5
French Alley (Quaker St., S. 17) ... ... A. 3
,, Almshouses (Black Eagle St., S. 27) .. A. 4
Frogmorton ... . B. 5
Fryer's Ct. (Red Maid L., W. 21)* A. & B. 7
Frying Pan Alley (Peticoate L., S. 72) ... A. 4
,, **Stairs** ... . C. 7
Fuller's Hospital (Back Lane, M. E. 7) ... D. 4

Garden ... . F. 7 (**2**)
Garland Ct. (Back Lane, M. E. 1) ... ... E. 5
Garter Yd. (Ratcl. Highw., W. 4) ... ... C. 6
Geare's L. ... ... F. 4
George Alley (Ratcl. Highw., W. 14)* ... B. 6
,, Ct. (George St., B. G. 11) ... A. & B. 3
,, **St.** ... ... A. 4
George St. ... ... B. 3
,, Yard (Butcher Row, R. 17) ... E. 6
Gerye's Ballscroft ... ... F. 6
Gibbs' Alley (Quaker St., S. 23)* ... ... A. 3
Glass House Yd. (Redmaid L., W. 20)* ... B 7
Globe Alley (School Ho. L., R. 58) ... D. 6
,, (Limeho. St., L. 12) ... ... E 7
,, (Wapping St., W. 30)* ... B. 7
GLOBE STAIRS ... ... I. 8
Glover's Ct. (Whithorse St., R. 8) ... ... E. 6
GOFF'S L. ... ... G. 5
GOODLUCK HOOK ... ... J. & K. 6
Goodwel.'s Garden ... ... A. & B. 2
Gouch's, Dr., L. ... ... F. 3 (**3**)
GOUCH'S, DR., L. ... ... G. 2 & 3
Graves' Lower Dock ... E. & F. 7
,, **Upper Dock** ... ... E. 7
,, **Yard** ... ... F. 7
Greenbank ... ... B. 7
Green Dragon Alley (Limeho. St., L. 3) ... E 7
Greenway's *alias* **Grumwin's L.** C. 3, E. 2 (**2**)
Greenwood Alley (Wentworth St., S. 58) ... A. 4
Grice's L. ... ... F. 5, F. 6
Grove St. ... ... E. 1
Gun Lane ... ... F. 7
,, Yard (Peticoat L., S. 73) ... ... A. 4

Hailes Alley (Ropemakers F., L. 31) ... F. 7
Hambleton's Garden ... ... B. 3
Hammer and Crown Ct. (Broad St., R. 35)* D. 6
Hancock Ct. (Brown's L., S. 31) ... ... A. 4
Hand Alley (Quaker St., S. 21)* ... ... A. 3
Hardy's Garden ... ... E. 4
Hare St. ... ... B. 3
Harris Ct. (Brooke St., R. 63) ... ... D. 6
,, (Ratcliffe Highw., W. 8) ... B. 6
Harrow Alley (Old Gravel L., W. 50) B. & C. 6
,, Yard (Ropemakers F., L. 28) ... F. 7
Hatchet Alms House (Black Eagle St., S. A)* A. 3
HAWES' ALMS HOUSE, P. A.* ... ... H. 7
Hawlyn's L. ... ... F. 3 (**2**)
Hayes Land ... ... B. & C. 5
Hearn's, Lady, L. ... ... F. 2 & 3
Hedd and Hambleton's L. ... A. & B. 2
Herbert's Rents (Fleet St., B. G. 17)* ... B. 3
Hermitage Stairs ... ... A. 7
High Fountain ... ... C. 3
,, **St.** ... ... B. 4
Hipinstall's Alley (Nightingale L., L. 23)* ... E. 7
Holland's Rent (Cock Lane, B. G. 2) ... A. 3
Hopkins' Land ... ... C. & D. 4
Horseshoe Alley (Fashion St., S. 50)* ... A. 4
Hospital Land ... C. 1, C. 2, C. 3
Hunt St. ... ... B. 3 & 4

Iles' Rent (Pearl St., S. 32) ... ... A. 3
ISLE OF DOGS ... ... G. & H. 10 & 12
,, ,, CHAPEL ... ... G. 11

Jarvis' L. ... ... C. 3
Jenkins' Court (Ropemakers F., L. 27) ... F. 7
Jewrey's Rents (Brooke St., R 60) ... ... D. 6
Jews' Cemetery (Brick Lane, M. E. 9) ... E. 4
Johnson's, Mr., House (Going down to Cross, R. 19) ... ... E. 6
Johnson's Land ... ... B. 7, E. 4
,, Rents (Broad St., R. 42) ... D 6
,, SIR HENRY'S, UPPER DOCK ... I. 8
Jorye's, Col., L. ... D. 3 (**2**), D. 4, F. 1

Kemp's Garden ... ... A. 2
Kidney Stairs ... ... E. 7
King David's Fort ... ... C. 6
King John's Ct. (Back Lane, M. E. 2) ... E. 5
King St. ... ... A. 3
,, ... B. 4
,, ... C. 7
King's Head Alley (Broad St., R. 38) ... D. 6
,, Court (Peticoate L., S. 71) ... A. 4
,, ,, (Crispin St., S. 75) ... A. 4
,, ,, (Cock Lane, B. G. 3) ... A. 3
King's L. ... ... C. 4
Kingston's Yd. (Wapping St., W. 31) ... B. 7
Knight's L. ... ... C. 2

Lamb St. ... ... A. 4
LEA RIVER ... ... I. 3, & J. K. 6
Leadman's Alley (Limeho. St., L. 17) E. & F. 7
Ledger's L. ... ... C. 3 & 4
Lee's, L. ... ... C. 2
,, Mr. (B. G. A) ... ... B. 3
Leg Alley (Fashion St., S. 45)* ... ... A. 4
Leopard Alley (Fashion St., S. 42)* ... A. 4
Lewis Court (Phœnix St., S. 2) ... ... A. 3
Limbery's L. ... . F. 6 (**3**)
Limehouse Bridge (Limehouse St., L. 8) ... E. 7
Limehouse Dock ... ... F. 7
Limekiln Hill ... ... F. 7
LOCK, THE ... ... I. 5
Lodwick's L. ... ... C. 2, C. 3
Loftus Rents (Brook St., R. 64) ... ... D. 6
London Field ... ... E. 6
,, **St.** ... ... E. 6
Long St. ... ... B. 4
Lorton's L. ... ... A. & B. 3
Love Lane (Old Gravel L., W. 43) ... B. 7
Lowder's Rents (Fleet St., B. G. 14)* ... B. 3
Lower Gun Alley (Greenbank, W. 37) ... B. 7

Maidenhead Alley (Cock Hill, R. 52) ... D. 6
Man and Gun Alley (Limehouse St., L. 18)* F. 7
Margett's Rope Walk ... ... F. 7
Maria St. ... ... B. 6
Marine Square ... ... B. 6
Market ... ... D. 6
Marsh Yd. (Wapping St., W. 27)* ... ... A. 7
Martin's Land ... ... F. 6
MARTIN'S LAND (**2**) ... ... G. 6
,, Rents (King St., W. 55) ... C. 7

Medlace's Rents (Cable St., W. 15) ... B. 6
Meeting House Alley (W 42)* ... ... B. 7
,, ,, (S. 15)* ... ... A. 3
Mercers' Almshouse (Whitehorse St., R. 2) ... E. 5
,, **Land** ... ... D. 5 (**2**)
Mermaid Alley (Wheeler St., S. 7) ... ... A. 3
,, Yard (Butcher Row, R. 14) ... D. 6
Middleton's L. ... ... F. 4
,, SIR HUGH, L. ... ... G. 4
Mile End Common ... ... C. & D. 4
,, **Green** ... ... D. & E. 5
Milk Yard (Wapping St., W. 34) ... ... B. 7
MILL BRIDGE ... ... I. & J. 4
Millislip's Garden ... ... F. 5
MILLS —— WARD'S, CHINN'S, BAKER'S, SMITH'S (**3**), BROWN'S ... F. & G. 10 & 11
Monmouth St. ... ... A. 3
Montagu Court (Peticoat L., S. 65) ...
,, **St.** ... ... C. & D. 4
,, St. (little) (Wentworth St., S. 63) ... A. 4
Moor's Yard (Fashion St., S. 46) ... .. A. 4
Morish Alley (Black Eagle St., S. 25)* ... A. 3
Morris' Yd. (Whitehorse St., R. 7) .. ... E. 6
Mud's *alias* Rose and Crown Ct. (Schoolhouse St., R. 47)* ... ... D. 6
Mulberry Yd (Three Colt St., L 38) ... F. 7
Mumford's, Mr., Ho. (Back Lane, M. E. 12) D. 4

Nag's Head Ct. (Wentworth St., S. 57) ... A. 4
,, **St.** ... ... B 2
Naylor's L. ... ... C. 3 & 4
NELTHORPE'S L. (**2**) ... ... G. 5 & 6
New Court (Below the Cross, R. 21) ... E. 6
,, (Wentworth St., S. 64) ... ... A. 4
Nicholson's, Dr., L. ... ... C. & D. 4 (**2**)
Nicol's St. ... ... A. 3
Nightingale Lane ... ... E. 7
Noah's Ark Alley (Below the Cross, R. 26) ... E. 6
,, ,, (Fleet St., B. G. 20) ... B. 3
NORTH ST. (POPLAR) ... ... G 6
North St. ... ... B. 4

OLD BREACH, THE ... ... F. 8
OLD FORD ... ... H 2
,, LANE (**2**) ... ... H. I. & G. 2
,, **Lane** ... ... E. 2
Old Gravel Lane ... ... B. 6 & 7
Old Starch Yd. (Old Gravel L., W. 51)* ... B. 6
Orange Ct (Wapping St., W. 26)* ... A. 7
Orchard, The (Greenbank, W. 36)* ... B. 7
ORCHARD ... ... J. & K. 7
Owen's, Capt., L. ... ... E. 4
,, Yard (Below the Cross, R. 27) ... E. 6
OZIERS (**4**) ... ... I. 3 & 6

Painter's Rent (Broad St., R. 31) ... ... D. 6
Parson's St. ... ... B. 6
Paternoster ... ... A. 4
Patience St. ... ... A. 3
Pearl St. ... ... A. 3

Pelham St. ... ... A. & B. 4
Pennington St. ... ... B. 6
Penn's Garden ... ... C. 3
PENNYFIELDS ... ... F. & G. 7
Pepperill's Alley (Schoolhouse St., R. 46) ... D. 6
Perkins' L. ... ... D. 4
PESTHOUSE COMMON ... ... F. & G. 4 & 5
,, **Lane** ... ... F. 4
Petticoat Lane ... ... A. 4
Phillips' Ct. (Wentworth St., S. 62) ... A. 4
Phillips' L. ... ... E. 4
Phœnix St. ... ... A. 3
Piot's L. ... ... D. 2, E. 2, E. 3
Plow Alley (Wapping St., W. 29)* ... ... B. 7
Pond Field ... ... D. 1
Poor's Land ... ... D. 2, D. 3
Pope's Head Yd. (Schoolhouse St., R. 45) ... D. 4
POPLAR CHAPEL ... ... H. 7
Pound ... ... C. 4
Pratt's Ballscroft ... ... F. 6
,, **L.** ... ... F. 6 & 7
Prusen's Island (King St., W. 57) ... ... C. 7
Puckeridge's Rents (Brick Lane, B. G. 10)* ... B. 3
Pump Alley (Greenbank, W. 40) ... ... B. 7
,, Yard, Gt. (Going down to Cross, R. 20) E. 6
,, Yard, Little (Butcher Row, R. 16) ... E. 6

Quaker St. ... ... A. 3
Queen St. (King St., W. 54) ... ... C. 7
,, **St.** ... ... E. 6
Quilter's Ct. (Whitehorse St., R. 9) ... E. 6

Ram Alley (Fleet St., B. G. 18) ... ... B. 3
Ratcliffe Cross ... ... D. 6
,, **Highway** ... ... B. 6
,, Street (Ratcl. Highw., W. 6) ... C. 6
Red Lion St. .. .. A. 4
,, Court (Tenters, S. 39) ... ... A. 4
,, Court (Brick Lane, S. 55) ... A. 4
Redhill's Rent (Tenters, S. 37) ... ... A. 4
Redmaid Lane ... ... A. & B. 7
Richardson's Garden ... ... A. 3
,, Rents (Anchor St., B. G. 7) A. 3
Rigman's Rents (Limehouse St., L. 7) ... E. 6
Risbie's L. ... ... E. 6
Roads or Rogues Well ... ... F. 5
,, ,, **Common** E. & F. 5
,, ,, **Lane** ... F. 5
ROBIN HOOD'S LANE ... ... I. 7
Rope Grounds ... ... D. 5 & 6
,, **Walks** ... A. 6, A. & B. 7, C. 6 (**2**), D. 6, E. 6, F. 7
ROPE WALK ... ... I. 7 & 8
Ropemaker's Fields ... ... F. 7
Rose Alley (Wheeler St., S. 6) ... ... A. 3
Rose and Crown Alley (Fashion St., S. 47)* ... A. 4
,, ,, Ct. (Brick Lane, S. 53)* A. & B. 4
Rose and Crown *alias* Mud's Ct. (Schoolhouse St., R. 47)* ... ... D. 6
Rose Lane ... ... A. 4
Rose Lane ... ... E. 6
Rose's L. .. .. F. 6
Rose Yard, Gt. (Whitehorse St., R. 5) ... E. 6
,, Little (Whitehorse St., R. 6) ... E. 6
ROULTS YARD ... ... H. & I. 9
Rouleton's L. ... ... D. 5, F. 5 (**2**)
Royal Oak Alley (Cock Hill, R. 55) ... D. 6
Rushy Lane ... ... D. 2
Russell Ct. (Ratcliffe Highway, W. 7) ... B. 6

Salisbury's, Lady, L. ... E. 5, F. 5
Salmon Lane ... ... E. 6
Salter's Alley (Greenbank, W. 38) ... ... B. 7
Sames' Rope Walk ... ... A. 6
Sandpit Field ... ... F. 6
Satchwell's Garden ... ... B. 2
,, **Rents** ... ... B. 3
School House Lane ... ... D. 6
Scot's Land ... ... E. 6
SEBMAN'S DYE HOUSE ... ... H. 2
Sersnet's Alley (Limehouse St., L. 4) ... E. 7
Seven Star Alley (Ratcl. Highw., W. 5) ... C. 6
Sharp's, Col., L. ... ... A. 2
Ship Alley (Schoolhouse St., R. 43)* ... D. 6
,, (Limehouse St., L. 21) ... ... F. 7
,, (Phœnix St., S. 3) ... ... A. 3
,, (Fashion St., S. 44) ... ... A. 4
Ship Dock (Limehouse St., L. 10) ... ... E. 7
,, Tavern (Going down to the Cross, R. A) D. 6
Ship Yard A. (Broad St., R. 32) ... ... D. 6
,, (Broad St., R. 39) ... ... D. 6
,, (Cock Hill, R. 54) ... ... D. 6
,, (Below the Cross, R. 28) ... E. 7
,, (King St., W. 60) ... ... C. 7
Shipwrights Hall (Butcher Row, R. 13) D. & E. 6
Shoreditch Church ... ... A. 2
Shoulder of M. Alley (Limehouse St., L. 11) E. 7
,, ,, (Whitehorse St., R. 15) D. 6
Silver St. .. .. B. 3
Silver St. (King St., W. 56) ... .. C. 7
Simkin's Garden ... ... C. 4
Skinner's Ct. (Tenters, S. 38) ... ... A. 4
,, Hospital (Back L., M. E. 4) ... C. 4
,, Rents (Brook St., R. 66) ... ... D. 6
Slaughter's L. ... ... A. & B. 3
Smallcoal Alley (Fashion St., S. 48)* ... A. 4
,, Yd. (Wheeler St., S. 11)* ... A. 3
Smith's Alley (Ropemaker's F., L. 29)* ... F. 7
Smith's L. ... . F. 5 (**2**), F. 6
Southerby's L. ... ... D. & E. 2
Southwick's Rents (Betts St., W. 17) ... B. 6
SPARROW LANE ... ... G. 6
Spicer St. ... ... A. & B. 3
Spittle St. ... ... B. 3 & 4
Spring Garden ... ... D. 4
Spruson's Island (King St., W. 57) ... C. 7
St. George's Chapel ... ... D. 2
St. John St. ... ... B. 3
,, ... B. 6
St. Paul's, Shadwell ... C. & D. 6 & 7

St. Paul's School's L. ... E. 5 & 6, E. 6
Stanies L. ... ... C. 2
STANION'S, MR., HOUSE... ... ... H. 3
Staples Alley (Limehouse St., L. 6) ... E. 7
STAR, THE ... ... F. 8
STARCH HOUSE ... ... G. & H. 12
,, **Stairs** ... ... E. 7
Stepney Causeway ... ... D. 6
,, **Church** ... ... E. 5
STEVEN'S YD., P. 1.* ... ... H. 7
Still Alley (Wapping St., W. 25)* ... ... A. 7
STONEBRIDGE POND ... ... G. 7
Stone's Rents (Nightingale L., L. 25) ... F. 7
Stony Stairs Gt. (Schoolhouse St., R. 48)* ... D. 6
,, Little (Broad St., R. 41) ... D. 6
Storehouse Yard (Cock Hill, R. 51) ... D. 6
Stort's Rents (Blewgate F., W. 3) ... ... C. 6
Stowcock's Rents (Crispin St., S. 78) ... A. 4
Strip's Yd. (Peticoate L., S. 68) ... ... A. 4
Sturt's Rents (Old Gravel L., W. 48) ... B. 7
Sugarhouse Yd. (Butcher Row, R. 11) D. & E. 6
Sun and Gun Alley (Limehouse St., L. 13) ... E. 7
Swallow Alley (Brown's Lane, S. 30) ... A. 4
Swan Field ... ... A. 3
,, **St.** ... ... C. 6
,, Yard (Broad St., R. 30) ... ... D. 6

Tabernacle Alley (Wheeler St., S. 12) .. A. 3
,, Yard (Peticoate L., S. 69)* ... A. 4
Tapp's Occ(upation ?) ... ... D. 2
Tenters ... ... A. 4
Thicknes' L. ... ... C. 3 (**2**)
Thieving Lane ... ... D. 3
Thomas' Rents (Limehouse St., L. 20) ... F. 7
Thomas St. ... ... B. 4
Thrall St. ... ... A. 4
Three Colt St. ... ... F. 7
,, Yard (Three Colt St., L. 37) ... F. 7
,, Yard (Back Lane, M. E. 8) ... E. 4
Three Compasses Ct. (Anchor St., B. G. 6) ... A. 3
,, Crown Ct. (Wheeler St., S. 10) ... A. 3
,, Foot Alley (Old Gravel L., W. 45)* ... B. 7
,, Foxes Yd. (Below the Cross, R. 24) ... E. 6
,, Horseshoe Alley (Old Gravel L., W. 49) C. 6
,, Link Alley (Fashion St., S. 49)* .. A. 4
Tite's Alley (Limehouse St., L. 2) ... ... E. 7
Titmus' Rents (Pearl St., S. 33) ... ... A. 3
Tobacco Pipe Alley (Old Gravel L., W. 44) ... B. 7
Town House and Workhouse (Limehouse St., L. 1) ... ... E. 7
TOWN HOUSE (POPLAR), P. 3.* ... ... H. 7
Tree Yd. (Quaker St., S. 19)* ... ... A. 3
Trinity Hosp. (Back Lane, M. E. 5) ... C. 4
,, Yd (Schoolhouse St., R. 44) ... D. 6
Tryon Ct. (Tenters, S. 40) ... ... A. 4
Two Brothers Alley (Fashion St., S. 43)* ... A. 3
Tyler's L. ... ... D. 3

Unicorn Alley (Wheeler St., S. 5) .. ... A. 3
Upshot .. .. D. 2

Vicarage Land ... ... E. 5
,, (Back Lane, M. E. 11) ... E. 5
Vine St. ... ... A. 4
,, Yard (Brooke St., R. 67) ... ... D. 6
Vintners Hosp. (Back Lane, M. E. 6) ... D. 4
Virginia Row ... ... B. 2
,, **St.** ... ... B. 6 & 7
Virgin's Ct. (Artichoke L., W. 19) ... ... B. 7

Walker's L. ... ... C. 4
Walker's, Mr. (Broad St., R. 33) ... ... D. 6
Wapping Church ... ... E. 7
,, **St.** .. .. A. & B. 7
Ward's L. ... ... B. 2
Watch House ... ... B. 3, D. 4
,, HOUSE.
Watchhouse, The (Ratcl. Highw., W. 12) ... E. 6
Water's Garden ... . D. 4
Weaver's Almsh. (Black Eagle St., S. 28)* ... A. 3
Webster's Rents (Below the Cross, R. 23) .. E. 7
Well Alley (Ropemaker's F., L. 30) ... F. 7
,, Yard (Whitehorse St., R. 1) ... ... E. 6
,, Yard (Hermitage, W. 23)* ... ... A. 7
Wellburne St. ... ... A. 3
Wells St. ... ... B. 4
Wentworth St. ... ... A. 4
West ... ... B. 7
,, **St.** ... ... B. 7
West's L. ... ... F. 6, F. 7
Wheeler St. ... ... A. 3 & 4
White St. ... ... B. 4
Whitechapel Church ... A. 5 & 6
,, **Road** ... ... B. 4
Whitehorse Lane ... B. & C. 5, D. 6
,, **St.** ... ... E. 6
,, Yard (Back Lane, M. E. 10) E. 4
Whitelion Yard ... ... A. 4
White Rose Ct. (Brick L., S. 52) ... ... A. 4
Whitethorn Ct. (King St., W. 59) ... ... C. 7
White's Alley (Limehouse St., L. 5) ... E. 7
,, Rent (,, L. 19) ... F. 7
Williams Rents (Old Gravel L., W. 46) ... B. 7
Willit's L. ... ... C. 3 (**2**), B. 3 (**2**)
Windmill ... ... B. 5
Winkfield's, Gard. & Rents (Church St., L. 34) F. 7
Wiseman's Alley (Brook St., R. 59) ... D. 6
Woodcock's Rents (Limehouse St., L. 15)* ... E. 7
Wood's Yd. (Three Colt St., L. 36) ... F. 7
Workhouse and Town Ho. (Limehouse St., L. 1) ... ... E. 7
Wright's L. ... ... E. & F. 4 & 5 (**2**)

York St. ... ... A. 3
YOUNG'S LAND ... ... H. 7